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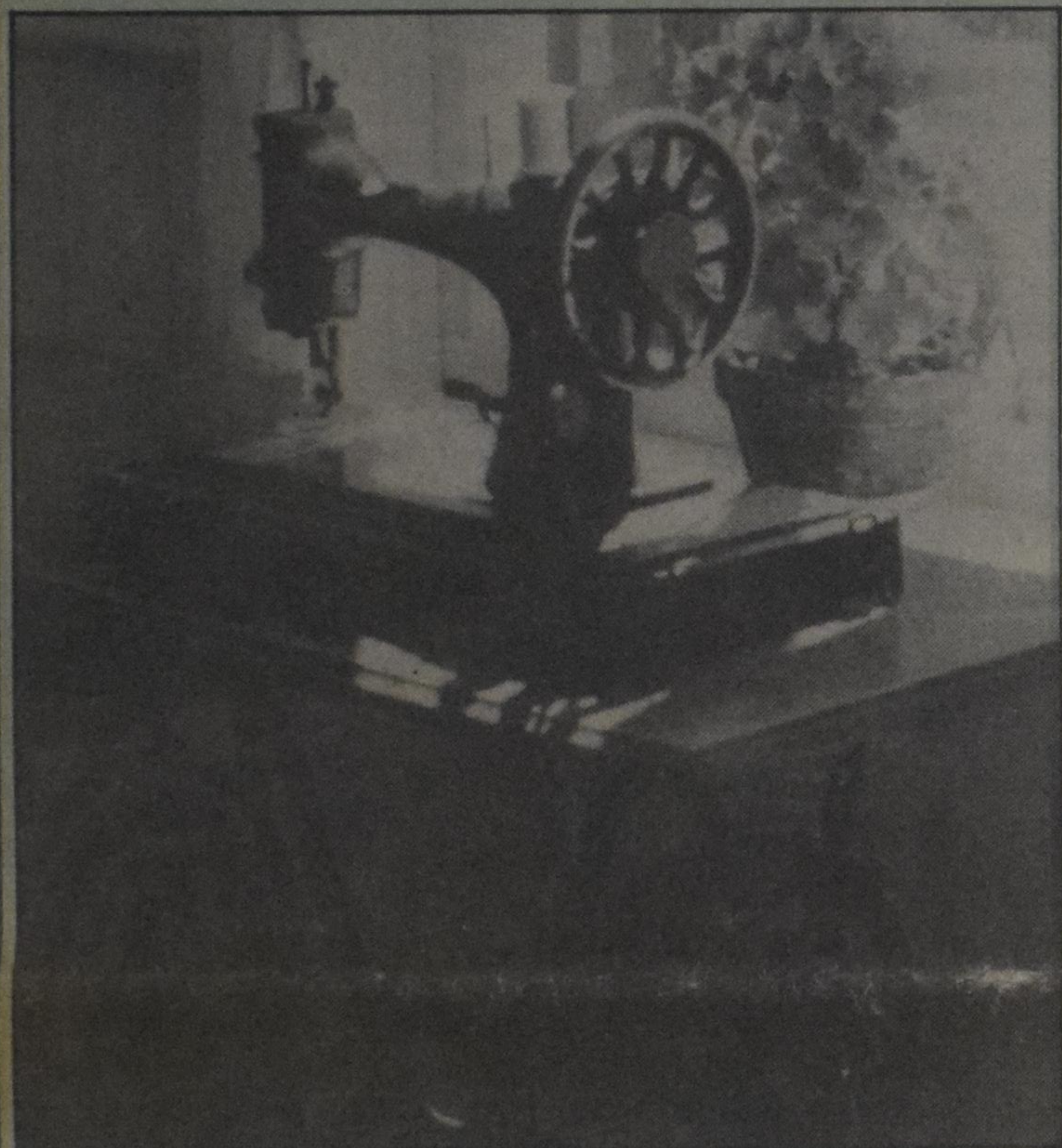
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A time for helping each other



ALMA BARKMAN

There's an appointed time for everything... a time to tear apart, and a time to sew together...

Wealth makes us responsible for the poor, Jimmy Carter tells audience

Marian Van Til

BUFFALO, New York — Our cities are going down the drain and most of us don't care enough to do anything about it," former U.S. president Jimmy Carter declared to a crowd of almost two thousand gathered last week at Canisius College, a Catholic university in Buffalo, New York.

Carter talked with evangelical fervour about how to tackle both American problems and worldwide social issues. "We are our brothers' keepers" was the point he stressed.

Carter is eminently qualified to address social justice issues, his introducer asserted. Since his presidency (1977-1981), Carter has been "working on behalf of the forgotten masses of the world — and he counts himself among the least of these." Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter's house-building with Habitat for Hu-

manity is often covered by the press. More complex and perhaps less well-known is the work of the Carter Center, based in Atlanta, Georgia.

Effective coordination

Carter explained the center's approach to such massive problems as racial and religious discrimination, health care and poverty.

"We try to live under three criteria," he explained. "We don't duplicate what others do; we keep it non-partisan; and we don't deal with issues just from an academic point of view — we approach problems practically so that we can work to solve them."

One way the center does that is to act as an impartial coordinator of similar efforts by various worldwide organizations. For example, the center is coordinating the children's immunization programs of 26 different agencies, including the World Health Organization and Unicef.

Previously all those groups were "doing their own thing," with no communication between them. Once the efforts were coordinated the combined efficiency of their immunization programs rose from 20 to 80 percent in five years, said Carter, "without any great increase in costs."

Disease eradication

The center's researchers also appraise diseases that theoretically can be not only

cured but eradicated, as small pox has been. The year 2000 is the goal for obliterating polio. "I'm not sure we'll make that," said Carter. "Polio is now gone in this hemisphere but to wipe it out in Africa and Asia will take a lot of work." Another eradicable disease, little known



MARIAN VAN TIL

Jimmy Carter urges churches and others to work together to promote social justice

to affluent countries, is guinea worm. It is caused by drinking contaminated water and afflicts 30 million people a year.

Studying war

The center works to "analyze all the conflicts worldwide," because those armed struggles always create
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New networks enable Canadians to help needy neighbours

Bill Fledderus

ANCASTER, Ont. — Canadians are showing an increasing amount of creativity, initiative and cooperation in their efforts to help each other through tough economic times. While government social services and charitable food banks are doing their best, a wide

variety of Christian grassroots organizations have also arisen to help the needy and the unemployed in Canada.

Some, such as the Neighbour Link program now in place in 16 Canadian municipalities, seek to be ecumenical. Neighbour Link, run entirely by local volunteers, matches the needy with Christian volunteers or refers them to programs offered by local social service agencies.

Others, such as a Niagara Peninsula support group for unemployed people in Ontario, are informal and remain primarily based in a single church denomination.

Helping needy neighbours

"Neighbour Link matches needs with people who have volunteered to help in specific ways," explains John Howat of

Vancouver, B.C., Western regional director for the program. Howat works with Eastern director David Adcock of Mississauga, Ont., to establish Neighbour Link programs across Canada.

"I will tell you a recent example which illustrates how Neighbour Link works: some people were moving from Calgary to Maple Ridge, B.C., to begin a new job. Near Kamloops their truck was robbed and they lost almost everything they owned.

"But the Maple Ridge Neighbour Link network was able to provide them with food, a place to stay and groceries within hours of their arrival," says Howat. Later, the network helped them get back onto their feet with pots, pans and furniture. More importantly, Neighbour Link offered the

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I wake up every morning at eight and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If I don't see my name, I get up.

Harry Hershfield

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tremendous social problems. "There are 112 conflicts currently," Carter explained. "Thirty-five are major wars — which we classify as those in which more than 1,000 people have been killed on the battlefield."

But even "small" wars have become much more deadly, particularly beginning in the 1980s, Carter said, because now many more civilians than soldiers die.

The situation is touchy for international diplomacy because only two of the current wars are between countries; the rest are civil wars, "so it's not appropriate for the U.N. or other nations to address these."

"That leaves a horrible vacuum," Carter declared. "But [the Carter Center] isn't constrained by that. We can sit down and talk to both or all sides. So we go in and try to get them to negotiate with each other, and to hold free elections."

"Often we're successful," Carter said. But not always. "Politics is a science of self-

delusion," he quipped, to the audience's laughter, "and quite often both sides think that *they* should, of course, be elected if the people truly understood them!" (Carter jokingly admitted he felt the same when he was running for president.)

Since such countries often abuse human rights, the center coordinates the work of various human rights groups much like it does that of health organizations.

Rich against poor

As Carter got to the heart of his message, focusing on problems in the U.S., he made frequent reference to his own faith and to biblical ramifications for social justice.

"I'm familiar with racial discrimination," he said, describing the segregated South in which he grew up, "and I'm familiar with religious discrimination; but rich versus poor is the worst form of discrimination today — and we're rich," Carter declared to a hushed audience.

"I don't mean your bank account. You're rich if you have a

decent home, a modicum of health care, if you can feel the police and the judicial system are on your side. We have a tendency to think that people who are poor deserve to be," he declared. "If they worked as hard as I do, if they had ambition like I do, they wouldn't be poor." How much do we take upon ourselves the responsibility to know what's going on and who needs help?"

Though he didn't put it in partisan terms Carter clearly has no use for the "rugged individualism" and "trickle-down economics" especially prevalent during the Reagan era.

"Do you know any poor people?" he queried. Carter described how he and Rosalyn had made a conscious effort to get to know those who needed help, implying a biblical definition of "neighbour." "We live in an encapsulated, self-protected,

homogeneous society of people dedicated to democracy and, many of us, to Christian principles. But it's not a hopeless case."

While assuming that his audience was religiously diverse, Carter, who still teaches Sunday school at the Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia, unashamedly referred to "the Saviour whom I worship," who equated helping the poor with having done it to him.

Lasting things

Carter referred, too, to the gist of some of St. Paul's words, talking of "the things that are most important, which are the things that don't fade away; justice, truth, service, humility, compassion, love." "That definition of 'success' is still applicable," Carter concluded.

He urged individuals, local social organizations, and par-

ticularly churches, to band together, sharing the load so that effective work can be done. "We must reach out in the strength among us rich people to enable the poor to become strong. Don't blame lack of leadership in this on the government, your president, governor, mayor, your college president. This has to start with me — and you. I blame me and you, not anybody else."

Carter, who says he gives few speeches these days, appeared in Buffalo as part of the William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series at Canisius, a series inaugurated in 1962 with a speech by another former president, Harry Truman. Earlier in the day Carter was out promoting his fourth book, *Turning Point*, published last year. "Rosalyn and I live on the proceeds from my books," he explained.

Pew-sitting Christians want to help

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opportunity for Christian friendship, he says.

Neighbour Link was founded by World Vision Canada in 1990, although its roots go back to 1977 when Dr. Virgil Gulker set up a program called Love, Incorporated in Holland, Mich.

Gulker was convinced that many "pew-sitting" Christians wanted to help the needy in their communities but simply didn't know how. He took an inventory of the talents and resources of people in a number of local churches, secured the cooperation of community service agencies and set to work.

Gulker's idea was to operate a sort of para-church referral service or "clearinghouse." When approached by a needy individual, Gulker would assess the person's needs and match them with an existing agency program or with a Christian volunteer who had volunteered to help.

World Vision U.S. took Gulker and his program under its wing in 1988 and began to provide the logistical support to enable the program to spread.

Neighbour Link in Canada

World Vision Canada followed suit with a Canadianized

version of the program in 1990. It's mission statement: to mobilize volunteers from a network of Christian churches to express their love for God by responding to the needs of their neighbours.

"Every community with more than half a dozen churches should consider the impact of such a program as this," says Howat. He stresses that each Neighbour Link organization is "owned, governed, managed and driven" by local churches. World Vision only provides training and resources. And the groups do not compete with existing agencies; they defer to them.

Practical like Jesus

"Neighbour Link is not a tool for reckless, forced evangelism," he adds. "It's an attempt to be as practical as Jesus was, meeting people at the point of their immediate need." Building relationships and earning the right to be heard comes second, he says.

The newest Neighbour Link is being organized in the area of Ancaster, Ont. Local board member Tom Henschel says seven churches are "on board": a Presbyterian, a Baptist, two Pentecostal and three Christian Reformed congregations. Henschel expects that a few other churches will join once

the local group sets up its office and becomes more established.

Unemployed start support group

Martin Hagt, a sheet-metal mechanic in St. Catharines, Ont., has been unemployed since November. He recently heard about a church in the United States which had started a self-help group for unemployed church members.

Inspired by the idea, he and a few friends patched together a list of 25 people without work — unemployed, under-employed and self-employed — from the local congregations in his denomination, the Christian Reformed Church, and invited them to begin weekly meetings to discuss their situations.

Hagt says Bible devotions, which are led by each member in turn, and sharing experiences in small groups have been a major boost toward helping people deal with the psychological and spiritual difficulties associated with unemployment.

The group is also active in trying to get work for its members. It has already heard presentations from speakers from several social agencies, and is circulating through local churches a list of unemployed people and their skills.

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PRESSREVIEW



Carl D. Tuyl

PRESSREVIEW

So it isn't only gentlemen who prefer blondes. The Tories are suffering from the same politically incorrect inclination. With polls showing that she could beat the Liberals, Kim Campbell is whistling Dixie all the way to the voting booths.

Jean Charest is a formidable opponent though. His popularity in Sherbrooke is approaching pop-star proportions.

Well-informed sources (a smiling ticket agent at Toronto's Trillium Terminal, a chamber maid at a downtown hotel, and a saleswoman at a Hallmark card shop) tell me that there are already rumblings of an underground ABC — anyone but Campbell — movement.

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Monsieur has seen to it that the Tory majority in the Senate would be guaranteed by ap-

pointing two new members. The division of seats is now as follows: Tories: 49; Grits: 41; and 5 independents.

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Quebec's Inter-governmental Affairs Minister Gil Remillard let it be known that the province wants to resume talks on the Constitution. I know people who would rather go for a whole year without summer than have to submit to that suffering again.

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From the classifieds: "Energetic, fun-loving, attractive female, 40, would like partner for going downhill."

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CIDA (the Canadian International Development Agency) divided Africa into five regions almost as arbitrarily as the colonial powers did a century ago. Faced with having to cut 7 1/2 percent from its budget, CIDA decided to drop aid to two regions instead of cost-cutting across the board. This is especially bad for Tanzania, where Canada had a record of important and long-standing assistance. A Canadian, Prof. Gerry Hel-leiner, master-minded Tanzania's economic development, Canadians trained the country's army and airforce, and CIDA was just starting to get involved in building Tanzania's hydroelectric grid as well as modernizing its railways. Due to CIDA's cutbacks the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee will also see a six percent reduction in its CIDA-supported programs.

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Members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, the WRENS, scrapped plans to meet in Montreal or Quebec City for their 1995 reunion because they fear the P.Q. will win the next election and will not make them feel welcome. Come on girls. You weren't that scared 50 years ago.

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Peter C. Newman, in his just published book, *Canada 1892*, cites that in that time journalists dubbed Winnipeg and Barrie, Ont., as "the two most evil places in Canada." Barrie, Ontario?

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There is military posturing on the Korean peninsula. It's to be hoped that they "cool it" soon, for it is believed that North Korea has nuclear war capacity. South Korea's president, who took office last month, granted amnesty to more than 41,000 criminals and dissidents. Among the released was the Rev. Moon Ik Hwan, 75, a Presbyterian minister who was jailed for visiting North Korea without governmental permission. I wonder if you have to fill out forms there to go to the bathroom.

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There is a lively race for the mayoralty in Los Angeles: 52 candidates. How's that for

competition, eh? Makes that Tory leadership thing look like a way-back county fair contest in the category best-baked raisin buns.

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Japan's economy, as many others in the world, is stuck in low. The country's prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, is heading to Washington to present a package that would free Japan for more American imports. Trade has occupied the mind of many editorial writers. Headlines across Europe scream that Clinton is a closet protectionist. There seems to be a bit of NAFTA backpedaling both in Washington and in Ottawa, and Canadian provinces are trying to untangle their horse-and-buggy-time trade restrictions.

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In the *Miami Herald* I read that Prudential will no longer insure existing customers against hurricane or hail in all

areas east of Interstate 95 in Florida. Unkind, I call that!

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The *Free China Journal* calls itself "a leading information source about the Republic of China on Taiwan." Premier Lien Chan was sworn in as the 14th premier of the Republic of China on Taiwan. Sounds funny, doesn't it?

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And then there is Judi Cardinal, who reported in the *Edmonton Journal* that she is suffering from headaches and that she is generally very cranky. She is sure that her condition augurs an earthquake on the Westcoast. Don't you say there in Vancouver that I didn't warn ya!

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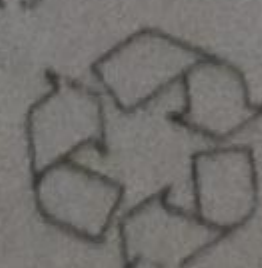
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Editorial

You too would prefer a secularized Muslim state

In central Asia there is a small country with 4.6 million people called Kirgizstan (also spelled "Kyrgyzstan"). Kirgizstan used to be part of the former Soviet Union. It is surrounded by a number of other countries whose names end in "stan": Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The country also borders on China. As the ending "stan" suggests (*stan* is an Arabic term meaning "land of"), Kirgizstan is a country inhabited predominantly by Muslims.

But it appears that the government of Kirgizstan wants the country to be a different *stan* than surrounding Muslim countries: it does not want to mix religion and politics. Leaders in Kirgizstan see their country as a secular buffer against Islamic fundamentalism. Political parties based on religion are banned.

In spite of my conviction that all of life, including politics, is religion, I do agree with this ban on "religious" parties in Kirgizstan. By the phrase "all of life is religion," we of the Reformed faith do not mean that all of life is cultic, that all of life is church or temple or mosque. For that reason I would hate to see us in Canada, for example, develop parties that fall along denominational lines or that are formed by coalitions of denominations.

Muslim fundamentalists tend to confuse "religion as allegiance to organized religion" with "religion as fundamental belief about life." Muslim fundamentalist countries tend to

be run or heavily influenced by the clergy. The result is that there generally is little or no freedom of religion.

Lest we forget, Christianity in earlier years also had a hard time separating church and state. There were times that the pope was mightier than the emperor or that, unless you practised the religion of your duke, you were liable to be imprisoned.

Too bad this confusion within Christianity of the past and Islam of the present is turning so many people away from the idea that one's religion as faith has a definite role to play in the public sphere. **BW**

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Tell us why you will vote a certain way

This year is shaping up like an election year in Canada. Canadians are reminded of that by the many reports about a possible "coronation" of Kim Campbell as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and, consequently, as the new prime minister of Canada.

Unless we keep our feet on the ground, we too might be swept up by a personality contest developing between Jean Chrétien, Audrey McLaughlin and Kim Campbell.

Lest we forget, democratic countries tend to be run by victorious groups of people called parties which develop policies based on political principles. At least, that's the script. They are not run by one individual. Leaders are important, but their impact depends very much on the vision of the party, the team of cabinet ministers with which they surround themselves, the caucus they report to and the opposition they are accountable to.

The question for all those who understand the importance of party principles and policies is not going to be so much which leader is the most attractive, fluent and photogenic, but what party represents best our convictions?

One question we will be asking is, How are Reformed Christians going to vote in the fall?

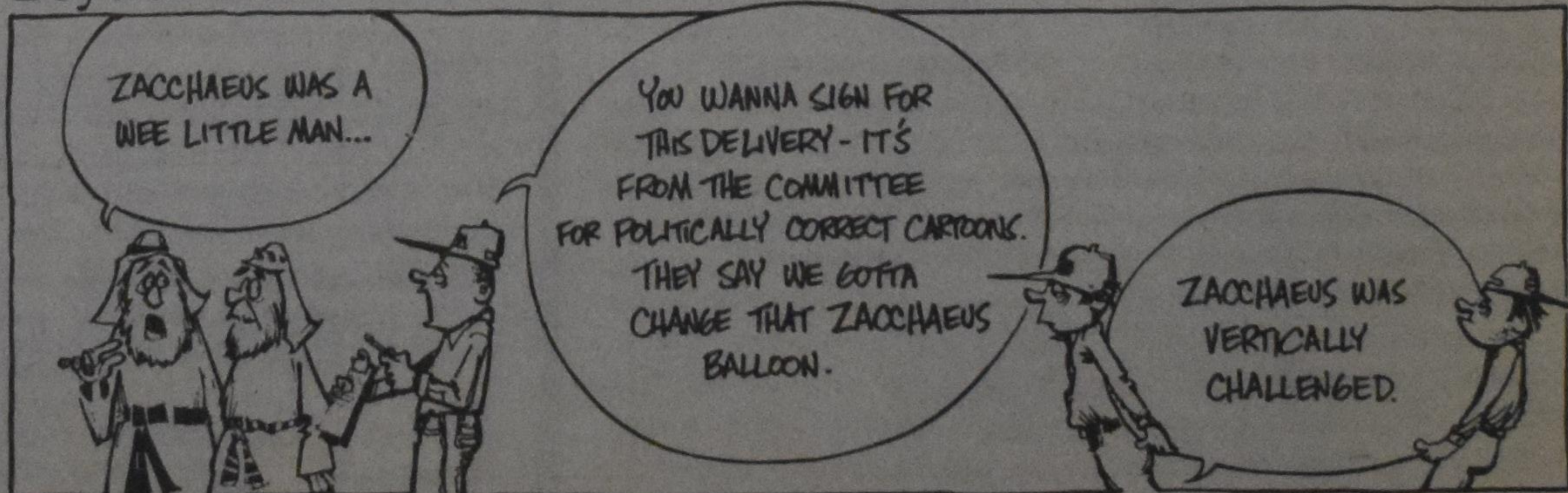
One of our readers in Peterborough, Ont., asked the same question and wondered if *Christian Courier* would invite some readers who are politically active to explain why they will be voting for a specific party. He particularly wanted these people to be "ordinary people who use ordinary language" to explain their political choice. He even argued for an "emotional" rather than an "academic" presentation.

The idea seems valuable to us. Since in our readership there probably is a wide range of political positions, we could have each of the several political parties presented in an article of about 750 words by a person from the wider Reformed community. We could even have someone write about his or her non-preference for any of the registered parties. Our main concern is that you indicate how you have integrated your Christian beliefs with your support for a given party.

If you're interested, send us your article before April 30 and we will pick one for each party. If you know of someone else who could do a good job, let us know. We are willing to contact such a person.

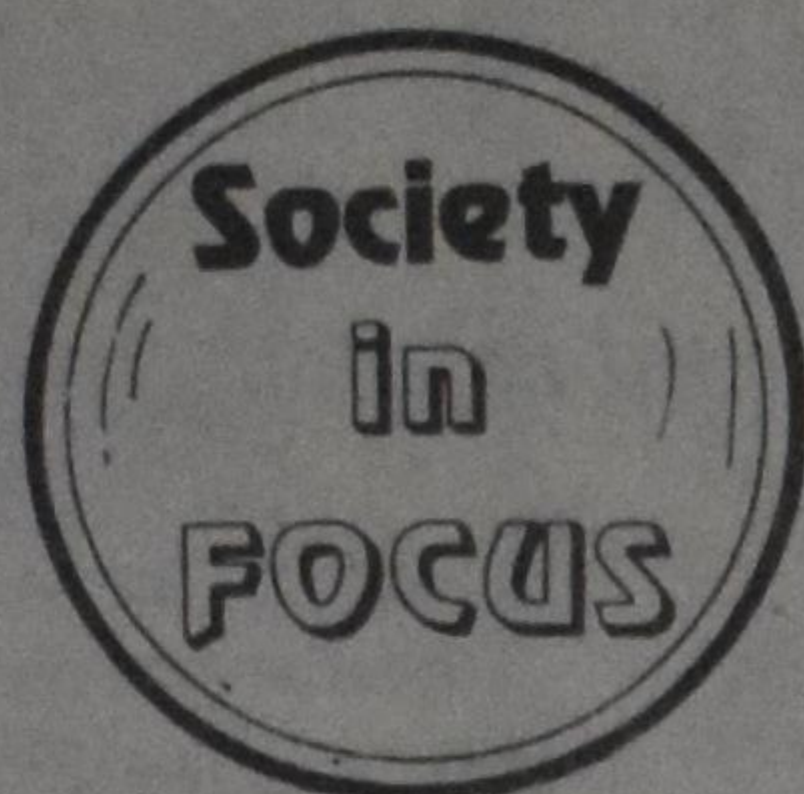
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Beyond Belief



Society / Letters

Jake Kuiken



Setting the boundaries with 'zero tolerance'

There's an element of sadness in being judge and jury of a colleague. In my most recent term on the Alberta Association of Social Workers Council I took part in the disciplinary hearings of several registered social workers. However, along with the sadness is the overriding challenge of making sure that the public is protected from unprofessional behaviour and misconduct.

The fact that several "human services" professions are not adequately regulated compounds the difficulty of protecting the public from professional misconduct. In Alberta, for instance, anyone may call him- or herself a "social worker" because only the title "registered social worker" is protected by law, and registration is a voluntary decision by those who meet the required standard. Consequently, it speaks well of the thousand-plus social workers in Alberta who have voluntarily subjected their professional conduct to the judgment of their peers.

Under the current Social Workers Act, the detail and circumstances of complaints that lead to a disciplinary hearing are confidential and may not be published. However, under legislation that is now awaiting "proclamation," future disciplinary hearings will be open to the public.

Boundaries must be maintained

The common issues in many complaints concern "boundaries" and "dual relationships." Simply defined, boundaries involve the limits of acceptable behaviour in one's professional relationship with a client. Boundaries are used to distinguish the professional, trust relationship from a personal relationship. Maintaining and respecting boundaries protects clients from exploitation by professionals, and professionals from the unreasonable demands and expectations of clients.

Crossing that boundary has the potential to cause, or even aggravate, pre-existing hurt. The added hurt includes the diminution of trust in other helping relationships. A breach of trust can be so devastating that it prevents or blocks other necessary help from taking place.

Dual relationships exist wherever there is both a therapeutic and personal relationship between the social worker and the client. In a small, rural or northern community where there are only a few social workers at best, dual relationships may be difficult or impossible to avoid. On the other hand, in large urban areas it's generally easier to avoid dual relationships. The most difficult situations involve relationships where a professional's unresolved personal experiences cloud or interfere with the requirement to respect professional-client boundaries.

Trauma the inevitable result

Crossing boundaries and establishing dual relationships can begin in very subtle ways. Perhaps a late appointment leads to a request or suggestion for a ride home, a casual touch on the arm can easily lead to an inappropriate hug, a cup of coffee can lead to complimentary remarks of a personal nature and disclosure of inappropriate personal information can be the beginning of a deepening personal relationship.

In and of themselves these types of behaviour may simply be "unwise professional practices." But as part of an intensely nurturing and healing relationship, they easily lead to the final crossing of the professional-client boundaries.

The most devastating form of misconduct involves "sexualizing" a client-professional relationship. Sexualizing a relationship is not limited to sexual intercourse. Although it occurs, perhaps the most common form of sexual behaviour between clients and professionals involves touching, hugging and kissing.

It is particularly in these instances where "zero-tolerance" is the only acceptable stance of a professional, self-governing body such as the Alberta Association of Social Workers.

Prison ministry group will get you involved, wherever you live

A letter from a fellow who seems to be interested in prison ministry appeared in the Jan. 22 issue of *Christian Courier* in the "Peter and Marja are in" column. The Slofstras gave him some important information and I would like to add to it by passing on the new address of the M2W2 Ontario program. They have moved to Cambridge and the new address is as follows:

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The M2W2 Ontario director is Ada Collison. She would be more than

happy to assist this man in his effort to contact prisoners.

I also like to thank him for recognizing the lonely road that people involved in this ministry often have to go. Many Christian Reformed men and women are involved in the M2W2 program here in Edmonton. They are matched with prisoners on a one-to-one basis and continue their friendship after release of the prisoner. We also have the same support program for families of prisoners. Personally I am enjoying this kind of ministry very much; it has enriched my life tremendously and I praise God for that.

Elly Klumpenhower,
Program Assistant,
M2W2 Edmonton

Request for old immigrant papers

As a graduate student at McMaster University I am studying the post-war Dutch-Canadian immigrants of the Reformed and Catholic faiths.

I am wondering whether any of your readers would be willing to part with early issues (1945-1955) of newspapers such as *Contact*, *The Canadian Calvinist* or *Calvinist Contact* documenting the Dutch-Canadian immigrant experiences. Also appreciated would be issues of newspapers from the years 1945-1955 that were distributed to or carried news

about the Catholic Dutch-Canadian immigrants. Any papers sent to me will be forwarded to the *Christian Courier* to help them complete their archives or, if not needed there, to the Redeemer College library to build up their collection.

Please send the papers to my address at 1 Daytona Drive, Hamilton, Ont., L9C 3Z9 (telephone: 1-416-387-0250).

Joanne van Dijk,
Hamilton, Ont.

About God-given rights and reader-given labels

Peter Sinnema (Feb. 12) challenges the ethic that unlimited personal wealth is a God-given right. Gerry Prins (Mar. 5) assumes Mr. Sinnema can only be a socialist, so he sticks him with velcro onto Cuba and ridicules his "immaturity."

He then justifies the God-given right to pursue unlimited wealth with the well thought-out examples of Abraham, Solomon and Jacob, who became wealthy because of their "hard work and smart work blessed by God." (I assume that by "smart work" Prinsen is not endorsing Jacob's business ethic, which included lying, cheating and deceit.)

I thought this sort of scriptural endorsement, which avoids all Christ's opposing views, was confined to such countries as Guatemala. The wealthy elite there not only believe it is their God-given right to possess most of the country, they also view anyone who challenges their ethic as a "socialist."

However, they don't stop at personal ridicule. They go the whole hog and

hire people to shoot those who hold other views.

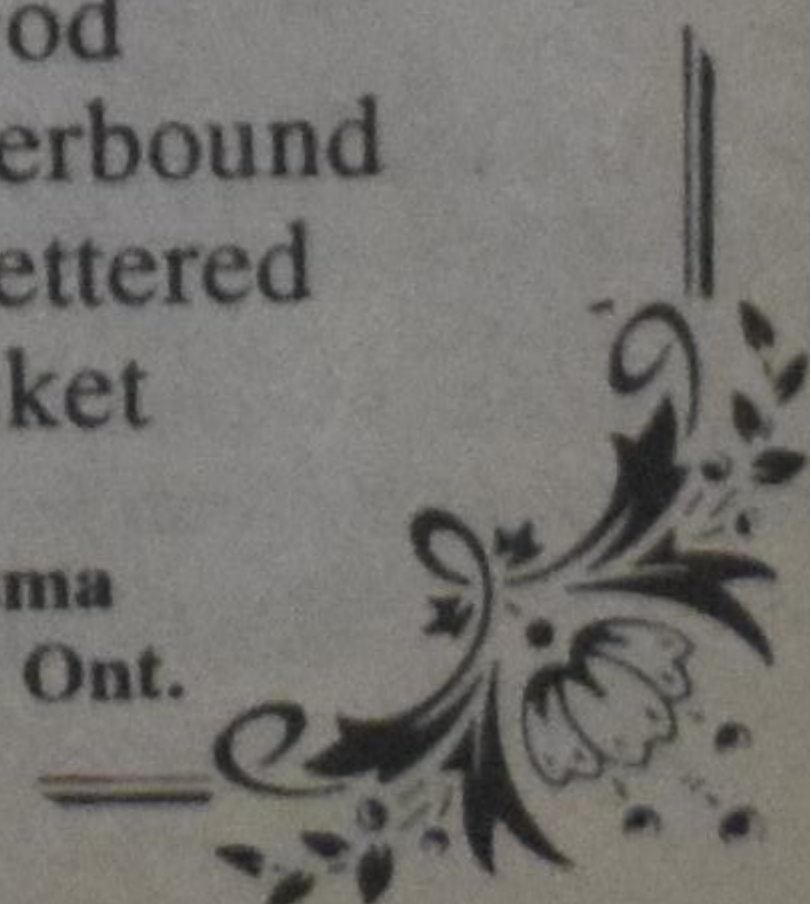
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Health/Nutrition

Caffeine and you

OTTAWA (Canadian Scene) — "What would life be like without my morning cup of coffee?"

Conditioned by dire warnings about consumption of tobacco, sugar and fatty foods, many Canadians have begun to ask questions like this about products containing caffeine.

According to federal Department of Health and Welfare scientists, you don't face serious health risks from caffeine providing you moderate your daily intake of it.

First, it's important to recognize the many sources of caffeine. It exists in coffee, tea, cola beverages, chocolate, cocoa, and some cold remedies and headache relievers. The best way to identify the existence and quantity of caffeine is to read product labels.

Levels of caffeine in food products vary, especially in those that are brewed, such as coffee or tea. Caffeine exhibits a number of biological effects resulting from its diuretic and stimulant properties. Some sensitive individuals experience side effects such as insomnia, headaches, irritability and nervousness.

The Health and Welfare scientists conclude that while these side effects may occur, individuals don't face an increased risk of heart disease, hypertension or adverse effects on pregnancy if they moderate their total daily exposure to 400-500 milligrams of caffeine each day.

A single 240 millilitre cup of filter drip coffee can contain as many as 192 milligrams of caffeine while a cup of regular instant coffee contains 120 milligrams.

Health and Welfare has issued a handy reference guide to sources of caffeine titled "Caffeine and You." It is available in French or English from Health Protection Branch, Department of Health and Welfare, Room 124, HPB Building, Ottawa, ON K1A 0L2.

It concludes that "the best way to avoid adverse effects from caffeine is to recognize its many sources, to read product labels and to moderate consumption of products containing caffeine."

British researchers announce cancer vaccine trials

Epstein Barr Virus and related cancers may be preventable

Marian Van Til

MANCHESTER, England — British medical researchers have designed a vaccine which they hope will protect against three forms of cancer, as well as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome caused by the Epstein Barr Virus (EBV). It will be a year, however, before "small-scale human trials," are begun, reports the *Manchester Guardian Weekly*.

The EBV, in addition to

causing Chronic Fatigue, is a significant component of throat cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, and Burkitt's Lymphoma, a cancer of the jaw which occurs in children.

Drs. John Arrand and Mike Mackett of the Patterson Institute in Manchester have developed the vaccine. The *Guardian* quotes Arrand as saying, "If patient trials repeat the success of the laboratory work, we expect this vaccine

has the potential to protect millions of people throughout the world from often fatal EBV-related cancers."

Breast cancer has reached crisis proportions

Foundation works for research dollars, needs volunteers

Marian Van Til, with files from Canadian Scene

TORONTO (Canadian Scene) — Breast cancer is the main cause of death in women aged 35 to 54, and one in 10 Canadian women will develop it. It is the number one women's health issue today, medical experts agree, but there's much they don't understand about it.

That crisis is what prompted a group of women led by Toronto clothing designer Nancy Paul to establish the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in 1986. At the time it wasn't possible to make a donation through the Canadian Cancer Society specifically to support breast cancer research (the policy has since been changed).

Paul felt the alarming statistics showed that direct attention was needed so she set about organizing a charitable organization whose sole purpose is to raise money for breast cancer research, treatment and education.

The foundation received "an overwhelming public response," drawing doctors, nurses, social workers, stay-at-home mothers, office workers and business people as volunteers.

For a breast self-examination pamphlet write: Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, 620 University Avenue, 9th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 2C1.

Those interested in volunteering should call either the Toronto office at (416) 596-6773 or the B.C. office at (604) 731-4723.

Cooking — and cutting — kills Vitamin C

Marian Van Til

Most of us have likely been told that over-cooking vegetables and other foods drains them of vitamin C. That's because the vitamins most effected by heat and air exposure are the water-soluble ones, particularly vitamin C and to a lesser extent, folic acid. (Minerals and fat-soluble vitamins such as beta-carotene don't change much.)

But chances are you're unaware that there are three factors which make vitamin C "run." According to this month's issue of *Nutrition Action Healthletter* those factors are:

- * how you cut your food (small pieces invite water-soluble vitamins to run away);
- * how long you cook it (use as little time and as little water as possible);
- * how soon you eat it after cooking (the sooner the better).

The *Healthletter* presents this food for thought. The percentages below are those for the vitamin C that is left after you:

- *boil one cup of spinach in one cup of water: 63 %
- *boil one cup of spinach in two cups of water: 36%

- *boil whole green beans: 54%
- *boil French-cut green beans: 28%

- *steam broccoli: 79%
- *stir-fry broccoli: 77%
- *boil broccoli with small amount of water in a covered pot: 74%
- *boil broccoli covered with water in an uncovered pan: 45%
- *microwave broccoli: 57%

- *bake a potato: 80%
- *boil a potato: 53%
- *mash a potato: 23%

- *keep a boiled potato in the refrigerator for one day: 29%
- *...for three days: 5%
- *...for five days: 0%

The Nutrition Action Healthletter is a monthly publication of the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington, D.C.

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Andy Driesen

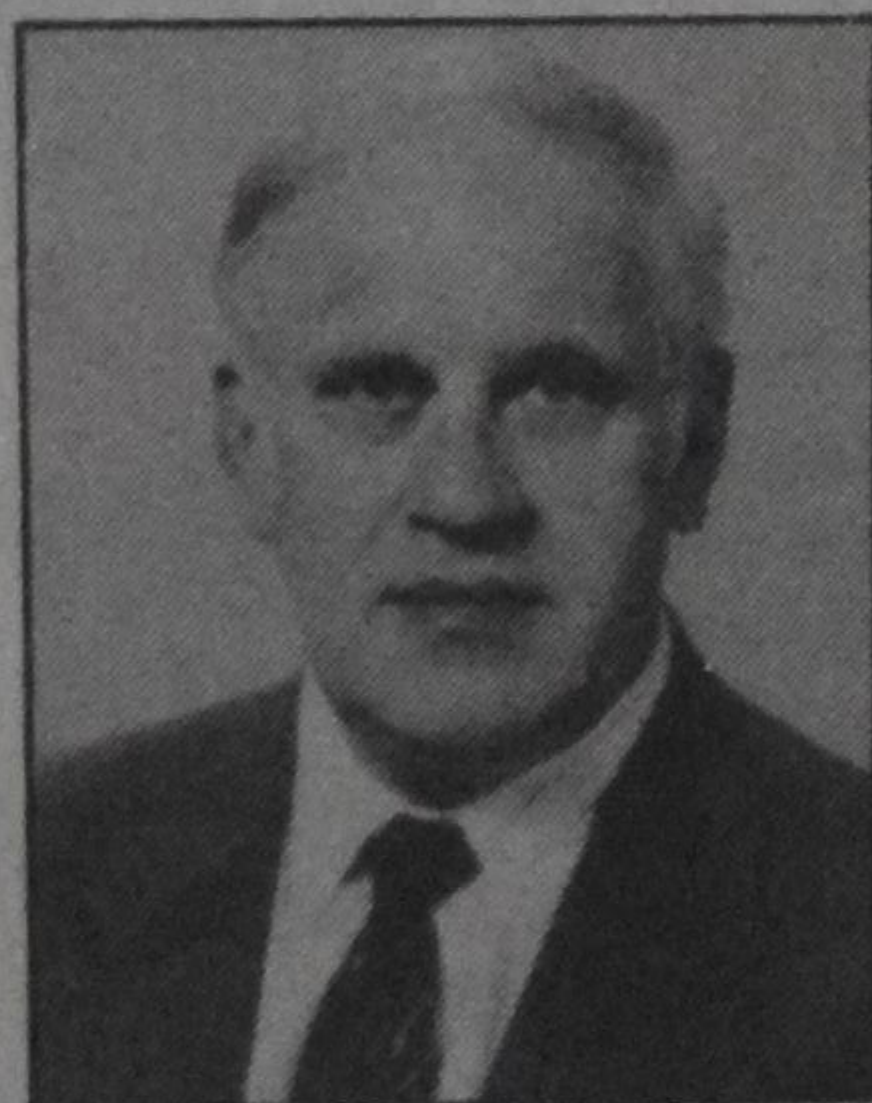
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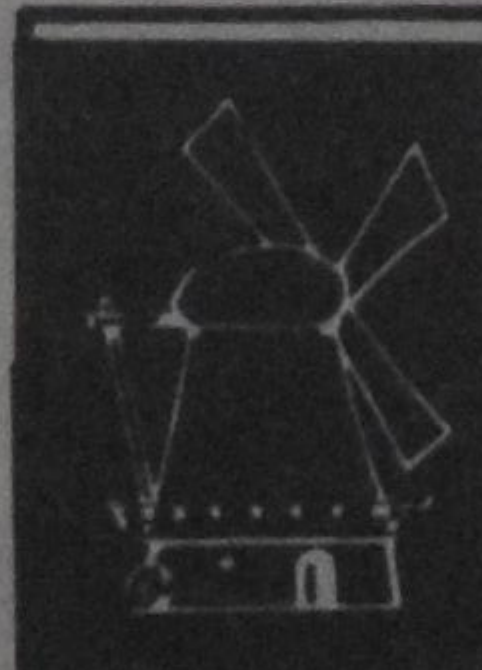
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A Far Off Place

Rated PG

Stars Reese Witherspoon, Ethan Randall, Sarel Bok
Screenplay based on Laurens van der Post's novels *A Story Like the Wind* and *A Far Off Place*
Directed by Mikael Salomon

Many Walt Disney productions are aimed at children. But this film has a different target audience: teenagers, and perhaps kids as young as 10 or 11.

The three main characters are adolescents: Nonny is a feisty 16-year-old (white girl) who was born in Africa; she lives at a compound out in the bush with her scientist parents and other researchers. (Nonny's father and his colleagues are concerned with stopping the devastating impact poachers are having on the area.) Harry is an American visitor who is bored from the minute he arrives; he is hooked on North American conveniences and almost meets catastrophe because of his singleminded attachment to his Walkman. Xhabbo is a young African who knows the land, communicates with the animals and spirits and exhibits a great deal of wisdom.

Spirit-led escape

One night Nonny goes at Xhabbo's request to meet him at their secret cave. Harry follows Nonny and her dog after he sees them sneak away. Xhabbo has had a "tapping," Nonny finds out — a communication with protecting spirits or gods. It is a warning which, they find out the next morning, has kept them safe. A ghastly event at the compound has left the teenagers on their own, having to flee for their lives. They make the 2,000 miles across the Kalahari Desert, pursued by poachers — and quite improbably live to tell the tale.

Their grueling trek forces the three young people to work together and depend on one another for survival. Harry has the most to learn; he has no choice but to focus on those things that are truly important. (He finally, both literally and symbolically, dumps his Walkman.)

If this story is a little too pat, these teenagers exude a spunky charm and even naivete that is refreshing. It's also nice to see a matter-of-factly strong female character who is competent, knowledgeable and a leader. There are periodic funny moments, the action-adventure is not without excitement and the landscape, beautifully photographed, has a unique, barren beauty.

Whose god controls the wind?

It is ironic (but perhaps not unrealistic in our secular society) that the only character who depends on his god is Xhabbo. Imagine the scornful reaction this story might receive were it the God of Christianity instead of a pagan spirit who sends the teenagers a premonition of danger or who whips up a sandstorm to save them from gunfire.

A Far Off Place is accompanied in theatres by a new Walt Disney-Steven Spielberg animated short called *Trail Mix-Up* featuring Roger Rabbit. It's fun to have a main feature preceded by a cartoon, like in the "old days." There is much imaginative and humorous stuff here. One thing *not* like the cartoons of old: there are a couple of brief instances of sexual innuendo and an overall spirit that is slightly hard-edged rather than sweet-tempered.

Roots author Haley's family history is fiction, New York paper reveals

Marian Van Til

NEW YORK, Alex Haley, African-American Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the *Roots* saga, dreamed up a great deal of his family "history," passing it off as fact, *The [New York] Village Voice* reported recently.

Though questions about Haley's veracity have arisen in the 17 years since *Roots* appeared, few have had the stomach to confront them, and Haley always vigorously defended his integrity. Now that Haley has been dead for a year and his personal papers, tapes and other materials have been released, *The Voice* shows that the proof is incontrovertible.

In 1976, the *Roots* television miniseries took North America by storm. It began with Haley's ancestors in Africa, some of whom later became slaves in the U.S. South. The book and the TV series on which it was based appeared to be meticulously researched. Millions of people were captivated by the story, especially African-Americans who could take pride in the dignified telling of this "pioneer work of black family history."

No stomach for knocking him down

There is now proof that *Roots* is more novel than biography. Among other things, Haley plagiarized about 80 passages from Harold Courlander's 1967 novel *The African*. In fact, he actually went on trial in New York in



Alex Haley (front row centre) with Africans he claims as sixth cousins.

1978 for doing so. Judge Robert Ward admitted the evidence was indisputable, but neither he nor anyone else in the "white liberal establishment," says *The Village Voice*, "wanted to destroy Haley's reputation. So the case was settled out of court with Haley paying \$650,000 to Courlander and his publisher. The Pulitzer Prize committee, too, all of whose 17 members were white, was reluctant to withdraw Haley's prize.

Several genealogists who questioned Haley's version of events wanted proof one way or the other. Gary Mills and Elizabeth Shown Mills traced Haley's account through archives in three southern states and carefully examined documents referred to in *Roots*. Their conclusion: "We expected ineptitude, but not sub-

terfuge.... The records show he got everything wrong in his pre-Civil War lineage: 182 pages and 39 chapters on Haley's Virginia family have no basis in fact."

Critics now doubt whether Haley's literary reputation will ever recover.

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Church, Marian Van Til, page editor

B.C. church leaders experience richness of Middle-Eastern Christian traditions

AMMAN, Jordan (MCC) — A group of Mennonite church leaders from British Columbia experienced the richness of Christian traditions in the Middle East as they worshipped among the faithful whose churches trace their origins back to the missionary work of the Apostle Mark in Egypt and the convert Paul in Damascus.

Jake Balzer from Central Heights Mennonite Brethren Church in Clearbrook, Paul Fast from North Langley Mennonite Brethren Church in Langley, Janice Kreider from Point Gray Fellowship in Vancouver, Walter Paetkau from Oliver Mennonite Church in Clearbrook and Herta Thiessen from Richmond Bethel Church were invited by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to listen and learn for two-and-one-half weeks in Egypt, Jordan, West Bank, Israel and Syria. They returned late last month.

The leaders worshipped in Orthodox, Anglican and evangelical churches in the Middle East.

"Although we struggled at first, we began to appreciate the Orthodox symbolism and liturgy," the leaders said in their statement. "We were impressed that 7,000 people (in Egypt) were at the weekly Coptic pope's Bible study on a Wednesday evening."

Different traditions, common ground

"Our traditions may differ but we saw common ground. One expression of that occurred after the Bible study. Friendship bread was sold and people were eager to share. In a Bedouin's home in the Jordan desert they heard the frustrated voices of Jordanians condemning the political double standards of the West. In Jerusalem, they listened to an Islamic leader call for Muslims and

Christians to live in peace with each other as we both await the return of Christ.

"In four locations we were awakened at 5 a.m. by the call to prayer in Arabic from loudspeakers on nearby mosques. 'God is great... it is better to pray than to sleep.'"

"These early morning calls, the sight of many veiled women and experiencing Friday as the Holy Day, all served to remind us that we Christians are a small minority in these countries. We struggled with the restrictions on evangelism and conversion."

The five church leaders also noted in their statement that MCC's small-scale projects that focus on local needs "are like salt and serve as stepping stones towards understanding between Middle Eastern and North American Christians."

Christians suffer persecution in Sudan

Worker blames it on Muslim fundamentalism

KHARTOUM, Sudan (EP) — In the freezing desert night of Sudan, children stare at the stars until they sleep — or die.

Desperate Christian mothers bury their babies in the sand, leaving only their faces uncovered. With no blankets it is the only way they can warm their infants' trembling bodies.

Nearly two million black Christians and animists in the north African nation have been forced into isolated concentration camps by Islamic government forces, according to human rights groups. The decade-long civil war between Arab Muslims in the north and black Christians and animists in the south is an ethnic and political conflict. But it is also a religious one.

Only those who convert to Islam can get food in the camps, observers told Baptist Press. Torture and executions are common. Islamic law has been declared. Churches have been closed and Christian missionaries expelled.

The government's "forced Islamization appears to have ... one relentless aim: eradication of the black Sudanese as a cultural entity," reports Waddi Abdulhaqq of News Network International.

A year ago the head of Sudan's Arab Militia reportedly called for "a new effort to propagate Islam through the use of force, money and food. We must crush the Christians down."

Sudan is perhaps the most horrifying front in militant Islam's expanding war against Christianity, but it is far from the only one. "We're experiencing a wave of activity sparked by Muslim fundamentalism," said a Christian worker in the Middle East. "It's been there all along under the surface, but it certainly has intensified. Each country sort of has its own brand of it. It seems to come in waves. Things rock along pretty quietly and then someone stirs it up. It's also a manifestation of the fundamentalist resurgence in all religions. All those factors may be coming together at once."

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Billy Graham in Germany

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (BGEA) — Evangelist Billy Graham returned to Germany March 17-21, to conduct his first outreach there since the former East- and West-Germany reunited. His crusade reached the entire country and extended throughout Europe, making this the largest Christian outreach in the history of the continent.

Now that much of Europe is moving toward greater unity, Graham hoped that the mission would do even more to unite Europe's Christians. "We came to Germany to hold this mission at the invitation of Chris-

tians and churches from across the country," he said. "They have a new vision of a profound moral and spiritual renewal throughout Europe, which could bring hope to individual lives and peace to our troubled world."

The meetings in Germany were called ProChrist '93, and had the backing of more than 1,200 churches throughout the country including congregations in Essen, the Evangelical Alliance of Germany and the Protestant Church of Germany (EKD), as well as the cooperation of the Roman Catholic Church in Germany.

New Dutch Bible translation

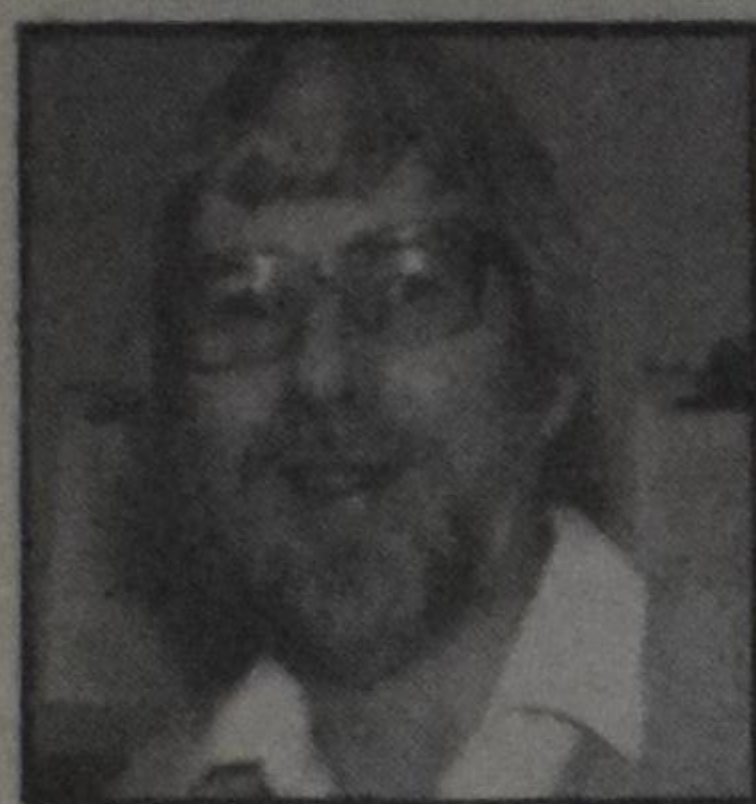
AMSTERDAM (Centraal Weekblad) — The Netherlands Bible Society (NBG) and the Dutch Catholic Bible Institute (KBS) have jointly undertaken to produce a new Dutch Bible translation.

Since the latest Dutch Catholic Bible translation is only 18 years old, the need for a new work was felt less by the KBS than by the NBG, whose latest Protestant translation is

42 years old. Hence the NBG, which had time to save, is paying for the project.

The need to work on the translation together came out of an ecumenical desire, according to representatives of both Bible societies. "Speaking and acting together must start with listening together," said president of the KBS Dr. H. van Munster.

Church



A Presbyterian Comments

Robert J. Bernhardt

Church statistics, like any statistics, can be misleading

In its most recently published statistics (1991) the Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges having 1,231 ministers. At first that might seem to be a reasonable number. The denomination does have 1,024 congregations.

However, when you look further you'll find that some of those congregations are rather small and are grouped together in a total of 773 pastoral charges. While a few of those may require more than one minister, that leaves a lot of extra ordained ministers to work in missions, chaplaincy, church administration and theological education. Presuming that each of those 773 charges was supplied with one minister, what are the other 450 doing to pass the time?

Should credentials be forever?

The way the figures are presented in the *Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly*, it is not immediately obvious. However, by detailed examination it can be determined that there were only 682 ministers who were actually serving congregations at the time the count was taken. In addition, another 84 people with ministerial credentials were actively engaged in other forms of ministry.

But as of Dec. 31, 1991, there were 467 individuals who held ministerial credentials who were not at that time actively engaged in ministry. Three hundred of those individuals were retired; approximately 15 had taken time off to study; 47 were designated as being without a pastoral charge; and about 30 appeared to be engaged in mission work under the auspices of other organizations.

That still leaves approximately 80 people whose status was either undesignated or who were indicated to be involved in some type of non-ministerial employment.

That means that almost seven percent of the people holding ministerial credentials in the Presbyterian Church in Canada were not then actively engaged in ministry in 1991. This is apart from another four percent of ministers who, while perhaps intending to return to active ministry, are currently without ministerial positions.

Take a second look

The declared number of ordained ministers is deceptively high when you recognize that between retirement and other employment 35 percent are not currently engaged in ministry.

However, these inflated figures suggest that perhaps it is time for the Presbyterian Church to examine its policies about ministerial credentials. Some denominations require that ministers surrender their ministerial credentials if they are not engaged in work that satisfies the church's definition of ministry. Along with that there is a process for such credentials to be reinstated when the person concerned wishes to resume the work of ministry.

Failing that course, the church would at least be well advised to presents its statistics in a more useful form. When only 65 percent of the number of ministers listed are actively engaged in the work of ministry within the denomination the time seems right for clarification.

Robert Bernhardt is pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ont.

Godfrey appointed third president of Westminster in California

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (WTS) — Dr. W. Robert Godfrey has been named to become the third president of Westminster Theological Seminary in California. Godfrey, who has been professor of church history at the seminary since 1981, will begin his service as president on June 1, 1993, succeeding Robert G. den Dulk.

Godfrey is a graduate of Stanford University and Gordon-Conwell Theological Semi-

nary. He taught church history at Westminster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania from 1974 until his move to Westminster in California in its second year of operation. He was academic dean of Westminster in California from 1990 to 1992. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church and has become a spokesperson for many in the conservative wing of that church.

Godfrey's international ecumenical contacts include service on the Theology Working Group of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. In 1988 he was convener of the Lausanne Committee's Consultation on Conversion in Hong Kong, and in 1985 he presented a major study to the Consultation on the Holy Spirit and Evangelization in Oslo, Norway.

Last November he travelled to Seoul, Korea, to lecture in a special conference commemorating the ministry of the influential theologian and church leader, Dr. Yun Sun Park. In February 1993 he was elected Recording Secretary of the steering committee of the International Reformed Fellowship.

Westminster Theological Seminary in California was established in Escondido in 1979. The seminary currently serves 171 students from across North America and around the world in its masters and doctoral programs.

Christian Reformed evangelism increases

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (CRHM) — One hundred and fifty nine Christian Reformed churches have added five or more people to their membership according to the denomination's 1993 *Yearbook*. (The *Yearbook* covers just nine months of 1992 due to a change in the reporting date from Nov. 30 to Aug. 31.)

Fifty-five churches added 10 or more people through evangelism over the same period. The total number of people

brought in through outreach for nine months was 2,351 while over the 12 months of 1991, 2,699 people were added through outreach.

Historically CRC members have supported denominational mission outreach all over the world. Now church members are becoming "more and more serious about gathering the lost and discipling the found all to God's glory," says R. Jack De Vos of Christian Reformed Home Missions.

Gospel growing in Syria

C.C. Staff

DAMASCUS, Syria — "Openness to the Gospel is budding in arid Syria," says a current report in *The Canadian Gideon*. The Evangelical Church of the Christian Alliance of Lebanon and Syria is the largest evangelical church in Syria, with 15 congregations. It has been instrumental in setting up Bible study groups which are slated to become additional congregations.

Christian Alliance president Farid Khoury believes the denomination may double its size by the year 2000.

A team of Oebanese and Syrian Christians reports that during one of their recent ministry trips, 400 Kurdish refugees living along the border with Iraq professed their faith in Christ; on a second trip another 40 Kurds confessed

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Feature



1980: Mekdes and Eskinder in Ethiopia.

Bert Witvoet

When Eskinder Telahun and Mekdes Getaneh knew each other as neighbour kids and eventually lovers, they never dreamed they would some day be in serious danger; be separated, uprooted and displaced. The two grew up and lived in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Eskinder became a mechanic at the Fiat Transportation company and Mekdes, a secretary at the Ethiopian Insurance Company. They were members of the Amharic nation, the dominant ethnic group in Ethiopia, whose language is the official language of the country. It seemed that their country was secure under the stable though oppressive rule of Emperor Haile Selassie.

Eskinder and Mekdes were proud of their country. Ethiopia is the only African country that was not colonized by European nations. It traces its roots back 2,000 years to the kingdom of Aksum and after that to the Christian empire of Amhara. The British, French and Italians treated the emperor of Ethiopia with respect, though the northern part of Ethiopia, Eritrea, was colonized by the Italians in 1890 and Ethiopia as a whole was briefly occupied by Italian forces from 1936 to 1941.

A time of persecution

But a radical political upheaval in 1974 would seriously affect the lives of Eskinder and Mekdes. Marxist officers overthrew Haile Selassie, who had reigned for 45 years as the 225th emperor, claiming descent from the union of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The new revolutionary government began its fight not

against colonial powers but against Ethiopia's ancient system of government, church, economy and education. The Marxists tried to secularize a deeply religious nation and establish a foreign ideology that, combined with government corruption, would impoverish the nation beyond what Haile Selassie's imperial ways had accomplished.

In 1977 and 1978 the pogrom, soon dubbed the "red terror," swept the country as the communist government and its leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam, suppressed any demand for a civilian government. Mengistu's inhumanity soon became proverbial after he established his private office and desk over the grave of Haile Selassie. It was during the early days of the red terror, when an estimated 10,000 people died, that Eskinder got into trouble.

Political suspect

His stepfather, who had been a senator under the reign of Haile Selassie, was killed. Eskinder's brother, too, was arrested and killed. Eskinder himself was imprisoned for six months and tortured. His crime was that he was related to a former senator. The torture was intended to force him to give up secrets he did not possess.

Eskinder never thought he would come out of his experience alive; he certainly never thought he would ever walk again on his seriously infected feet and legs. But through what he considers an act of God he was released after six months and his legs miraculously healed.

Eskinder found a job with a Volvo dealership. He and Mek-

des got married and together they had four children: David (obviously a boy), Blen (a girl), Bruk (a boy) and Selam (a girl). But as the years went on Eskinder discovered that he was under periodic surveillance. He and Mekdes felt it was only a matter of time before he would be arrested again. Towards the end of 1989, they and their extended family decided it would be best for Eskinder to leave the country.

A quiet farewell

The managers at the Volvo dealership were taken into confidence. They helped Eskinder get the necessary papers for him to leave the country under the pretext of a visit to Italy. Eskinder was to take an Alitalia airplane which would take him to Rome. The historic connections between Italy and Ethiopia would stand Eskinder in good stead.

This was a difficult decision for Mekdes and Eskinder because they did not know whether Eskinder would ever see his family again. After a quiet farewell to those he loved (they didn't want to arouse other people's suspicions by appearing emotional at the airport), Eskinder left Ethiopia in January of 1990. It was not until the plane had taken him over the Red Sea that Eskinder began to relax, he later recalled.

The Dutch connection

In Rome Eskinder became a guest of the Italian government with the understanding that he would look for another country in which to stay permanently. Italy gives only temporary asylum to most refugees it harbours. Eskinder was helped by

a relief arm of the Roman Catholic Church, especially by Sister Paulina, a Dutch nun stationed in Rome. It was her task to look for countries that would accept "her boys."

It was through Sister Paulina that Peter Zwart of the Canadian office of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee was told about a number of Ethiopian refugees in Rome who were desperately in need of sponsorship by church groups in Canada.

It was around that time that Jubilee Fellowship, a recently formed Christian Reformed congregation in St. Catharines, asked Zwart for a list of refugees. From the list they picked two young men: Assefa Abreha and Eskinder Telahun. The reasoning was that two young men would not be too heavy a burden for a young church. Perhaps the two could be roommates.

It appeared that after an Italian connection, Eskinder's

life would be favourably affected by a Dutch connection as well as by a positive Canadian refugee policy.

Stirring times

In the meantime, Eskinder tried to have his family come to Italy so they could join him in his possible trek across the Atlantic Ocean to Canada. Of course, the communist government in Ethiopia was not favourably inclined to his request, but officials, who never really understood all that much about Marxism, could be bribed. Eventually Mekdes was allowed to leave by herself. The thinking was that she and perhaps Eskinder would have to return to Ethiopia because of the children.

Mekdes found herself in a bind. What should she do? Perhaps she should go, but not without her two-year-old daughter, Selam, she argued. The other children could stay with her father and brother

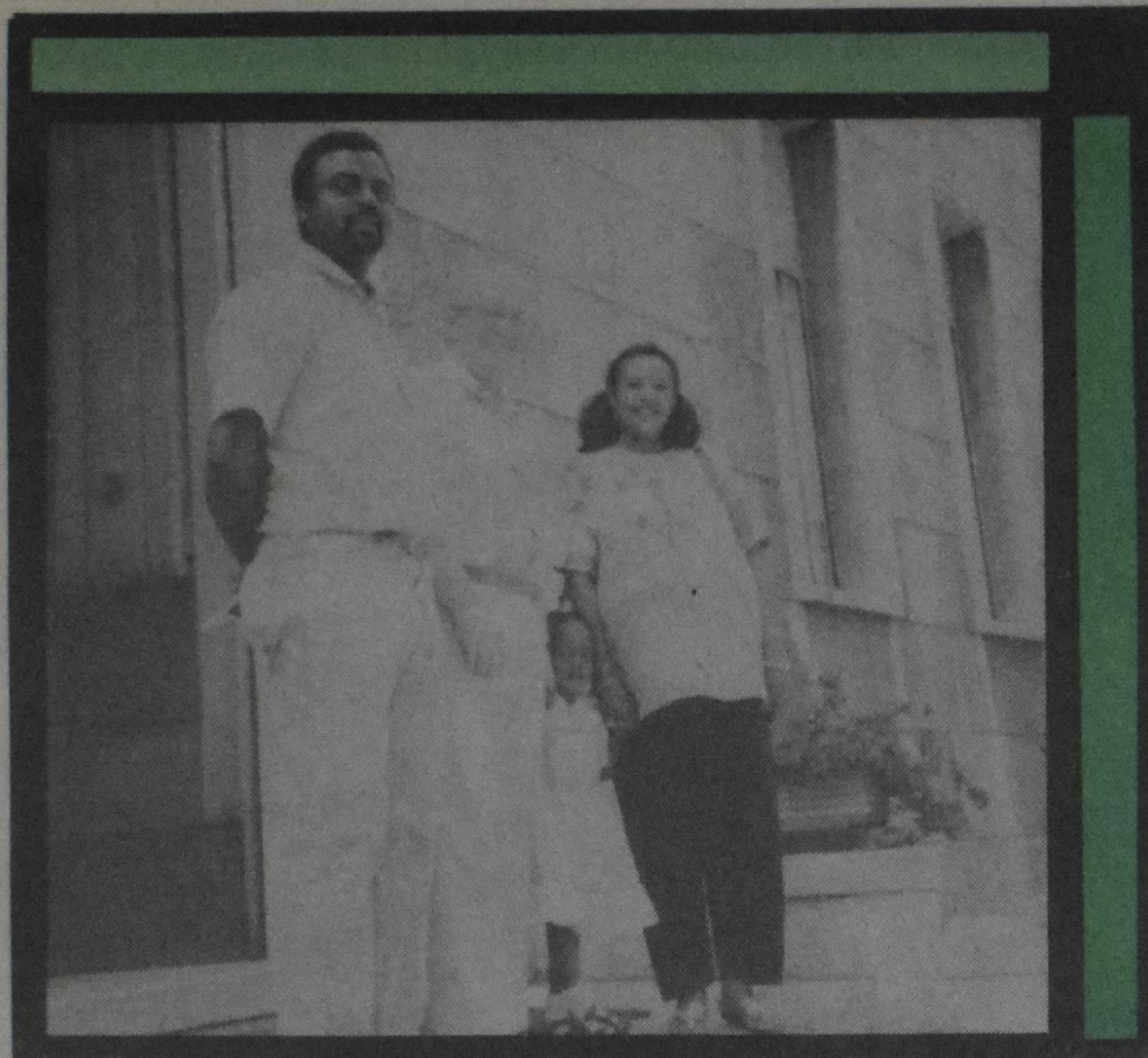
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love

An Ethiopian family finds refuge in Canada

Eskinder Telahun and Mekdes Getaneh and their five children are landed immigrants from Ethiopia living in St. Catharines, Ont. They are listed in the 1993 Directory of the Niagara area Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) on the pages for Jubilee Fellowship CRC. As black Africans with an Ethiopian Orthodox Church background, they do not exactly blend into the woodwork in this predominantly white, Dutch-Canadian and Reformed congregation. But they have been warmly accepted by their new-found church family, even though not all of the members know the difficult path that led the Telahuns to St. Catharines. This is the story of what the Israelite leader Moses, himself a refugee many centuries ago, might have called "life under the wrath and mercy of God."



Jan. 1990: "A quiet farewell to those he loved."



May 1992: Eskinder, Mekdes and Selam in Rome with Italian priest.

until she returned. The officials relented.

That was a turbulent time in Ethiopia. The northern rebels from Tigre were launching an all-out attack on the government forces of Mengistu. In May 1991 the rebels claimed victory and chased Mengistu and his government out of the country. In the confusion Mekdes and Selam could not leave for several months.

But the picture for Eskinder and Mekdes' three children turned out to be a good one. The new government was willing to let them go to Italy or Canada. Knowing, however, how the process in her own case had taken a year, Mekdes decided that she and Selam should go to Italy first, in the hope that the other children would soon follow.

Something in her heart told Mekdes that she might not see Ethiopia again. She cried uncontrollably on the way to the Addis Ababa airport.

The sponsorship grows

As soon as Mekdes and Selam arrived in Rome in July 1991, Eskinder sent a communique to Jubilee Fellowship asking that his wife and daughter be included on the sponsor sheet. Jubilee complied.

Eskinder wrote to Jubilee in a letter dated August 19, 1991: "I really don't have sufficient words to express how much I am happy. I can only say thank you. Our Lord, no doubt, in his Kingdom of justice and peace, takes into account every deed of brotherly solidarity."

As soon as Eskinder heard that the Ethiopian government had extended an exit visa to his

three children, he again sent a letter to Jubilee, asking the church to add the three children to the sponsor sheet.

Eskinder wrote in a reply to a positive answer by the church, dated September 22, 1991: "I feel like I have got my Christian family. As you said in your letter, 'Since we all belong to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, we are already family.' This phrase gives us a peace of mind. As a result I and my wife slept without any problem, which we never had slept before for a long time."

A wearisome process

The family was scheduled to

come to Canada in June 1992. Unfortunately the Italian government did not extend a visitor's visa to David, Blen and Bruk in time for them to join their parents in their journey to Canada. In the meantime Eskinder informed Jubilee that Mekdes was expecting a fifth child towards the end of September. On June 10, Eskinder, Mekdes and Selam arrived in Canada (I wrote an editorial about this just before going to the airport. See C.C. July 10, 1992).

It was with a mixture of relief and worry about their three children still in their homeland that Eskinder and Mekdes began their new life in St. Catharines. Ethiopia was so much farther away from Canada than it was from Italy!

They immediately started the process of trying to reunite their family with Canada Immigration. Little did they realize that it would take eight months before all the red tape was finally swallowed up by the monster of bureaucracy and the three older children would walk into their arms at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. There were days during those eight months that the only prayer Eskinder and Mekdes could muster was their tears.

But the day of reunion finally came on February 17, 1993. It is hard to imagine the sense of elation that filled Eskinder and Mekdes when they first

glimpsed their children, now aged 13, 12 and six, come through the doors on the arrival level of the Toronto airport. It had been three years for Eskinder and a year and a half for Mekdes since they had seen David, Blen and Bruk. The children were overjoyed to greet their parents and to embrace their sister Selam and their new brother Michael, who had been born four months earlier.

A dwelling place

The following Sunday, the reunited family entered Jubilee Fellowship, a church which Eskinder, Mekdes and Selam had faithfully attended since June of 1992. How warmly they were welcomed by the congregation! How eager the parents were to introduce David, Blen and Bruk!

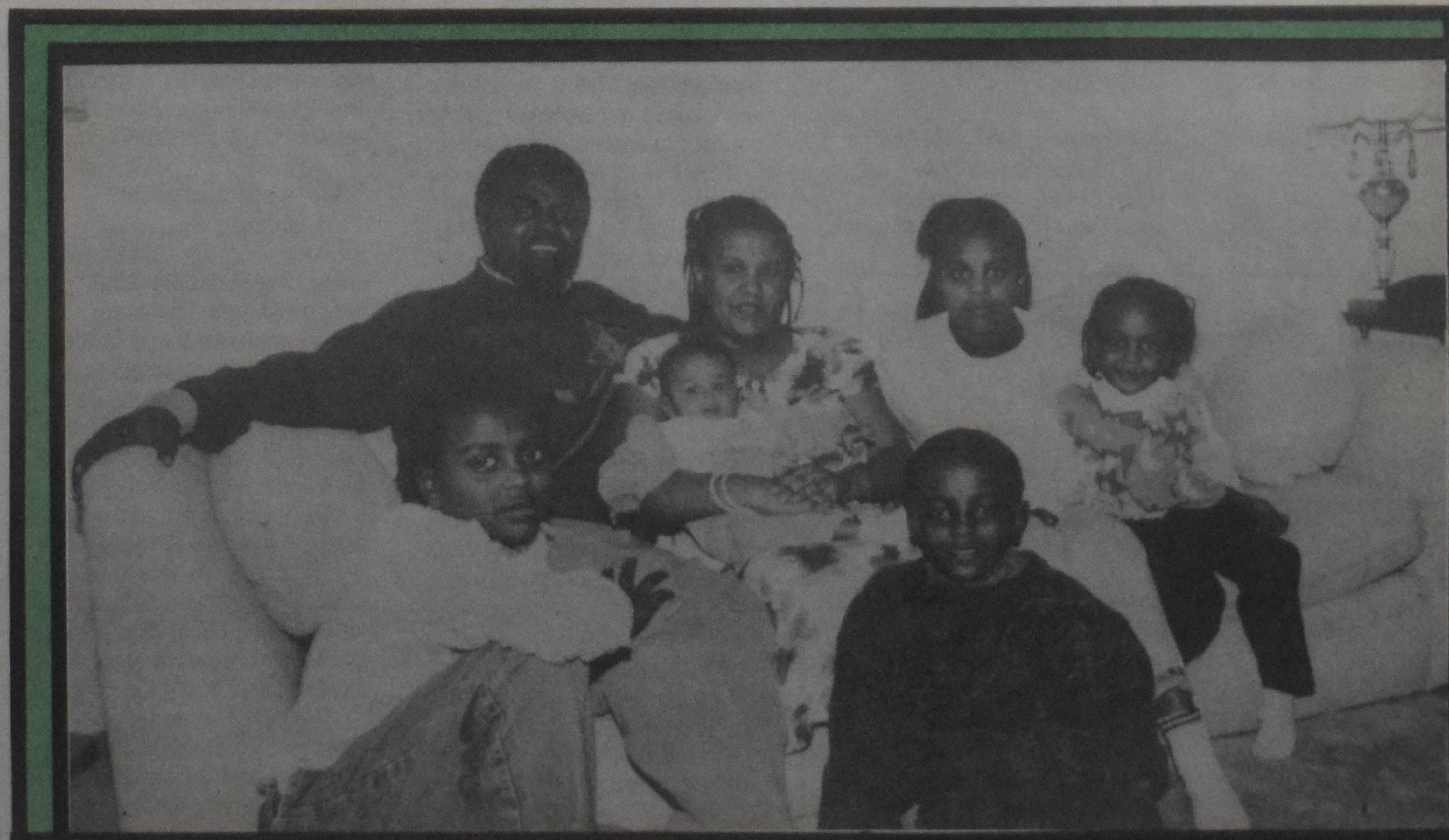
The worship service had been planned to focus on how the Lord had answered the prayers and tears offered on behalf of the Telahun family. After the whole family had been presented to the congregation, children of the congregation whose ages corresponded with the Telahun children's ages came forward to greet them. Then Eskinder and Mekdes read the first 14 verses of Psalm 116, alternating in their reading. Mekdes read, "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy." Eskinder followed with: "The cords of death en-

tangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me." And the congregation interspersed the readings with a phrase from Psalm 118: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Tears flowed freely that Sunday morning.

The sermon was on Psalm 90 and focused particularly on the idea that Moses had been a refugee for 80 of his 120 years — 40 years in Midian and 40 years in the wilderness. The 40 years at Pharaoh's court were only a dim memory when Moses wrote the words: "Lord, you have been our asylum throughout all generations."

When Moses wrote those words he lived in the days of unfulfilled promise as far as his refugee status was concerned. But that Sunday and today Eskinder and Mekdes are living in the days of fulfillment. Their three-year journey through the wilderness is over. David, Blen and Bruk have enrolled at Calvin Memorial Christian School in St. Catharines, where they have been surrounded by staff and students eager to take them through the first difficult months of adjustment.

In the meantime, the single young man who was to be Eskinder's roommate, Assefa Abrha, has also arrived. His journey through the wilderness, too, has come to an end. He has moved in with a single young man of Jubilee.



March 1993: The family at rest in their St. Catharines home. Clockwise from l. to r.: David (13), Eskinder (33), Mekdes (31) holding Michael (4 mos.), Blen (12), Selam (4) and Bruk (6).

Feature

A Canadian view of Eritrea and Ethiopia

Last month, Hans and Lena Visser, Christian Reformed farmers from Taber, Alta. and 10 other tour participants traveled to Africa — Eritrea, Ethiopia and Kenya — as part of a three-week Canadian Foodgrains Bank study tour. In the article below, Hans recalls some of their experiences. On February 9 they arrived in Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, a former province of Ethiopia.

Hans Visser

To understand current conditions in Ethiopia one has to know something about the occupation of this country by Italian forces from 1936 to 1941, the 30-year war between Eritrea and the rest of Ethiopia and a terrible famine that plagued Ethiopia in 1988. The combination of the famine and the war claimed 900,000 lives in Ethiopia.

General elections in Ethiopia are now to be held next month. Eritreans, too, are expected to vote on self-government in April, and that plebiscite is expected to pass with a large majority. In the meantime, both Ethiopia and Eritrea are devastated countries: roads are impassable, buildings have been bombed out and people are gripped by total, indescribable poverty.

That background set the stage for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank study tour.

Restoring dignity

After passing through tight security at the Asmara airport we were met by Tony and Freda Enns, Foodgrains Bank managers in Ethiopia and our "tour guides" during our stay. The Enns live in Addis Ababa,

Ethiopia's capital.

We visited the U.N. World Food Program office and were told of the difficulties of distributing food during the war when a large part of the population had migrated west to Sudan. Those refugees are now returning and are finding the places they left occupied by others. This makes resettlement very difficult.

On our second day the climate was cool (22 degrees Celsius) because of the 7,000-foot elevation. We saw an almost completed dam site where all the earth-moving was done by hand! During the rainy season dams here hold water for about 1,500 families and 50 hectares of fields.

Workers receive food as wages: on average, a quarter-bushel of Canadian wheat per day. The cost of the dam is 2,000 tons of Canadian wheat. We were impressed with the project and with the food-for-work concept. It restores people's dignity, allowing them to produce something with their own resources.

Mountains of wheat

The next day we traveled three hours over torturous roads and past burnt-out tanks

to Masawa, one of the Eritrean ports on the Red Sea. Masawa handles a major portion of the world food aid destined for Eritrea and Ethiopia.

During the war the city was severely damaged and the warehouses on the dock totally destroyed. Now, mountains of bagged Canadian grain and containers of canola oil were stacked under tarpaulins, waiting to be loaded onto trucks for the difficult journey inland to Asmara and south to Ethiopia.

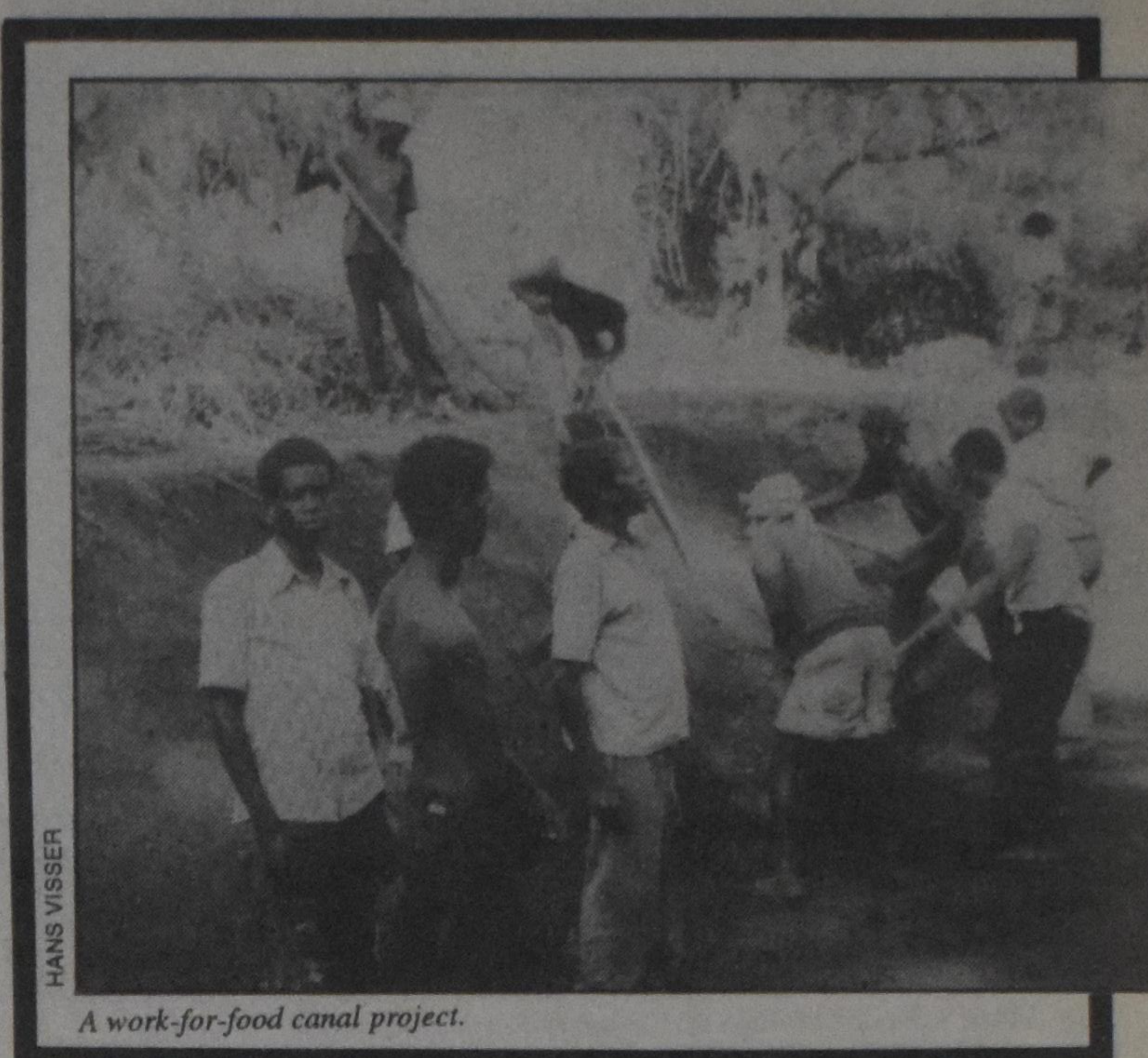
Rebuilding the environment

Aksum was a centre of an ancient world empire; we visited there on February 12, hosted by the Relief Society of Tigre (REST), where we saw not only remains of that ancient world, but current projects administered and partly funded by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Among those was a tree nursery planted mostly with the fast-growing eucalyptus, a native of Australia. There is a real need for such tree farms. During the war people totally denuded the country in search of firewood.

There is now a tremendous desire to reforest and rebuild the country. In Tigre, 500,000 hectares of trees have been planted on the mountain slopes to control erosion and produce lumber and firewood. Terracing steep hillsides takes 800 people one day to complete just one hectare!

We traveled south six hours to Mekele and then another seven hours to Dessie, near which we visited another MCC project. Water diverted from a small river irrigates a tree nursery, land for market gardening and experimental plots testing grain varieties — all to show the people what can be done.

The further south we go the less assertive people seem to become. The soil and climate are much better here but people have very little enthusiasm — Dessie's normal population had



A work-for-food canal project.

been 120,000 but during the last years of the war many men from here were forced to serve in the Ethiopian army and hundreds were killed.

The return of the others has caused problems. The city has a refugee camp of 13,000, and one non-government organization (NGO) is setting up an orphanage.

In such situations NGOs are often more effective than the United Nations or government agencies. NGO workers are mostly volunteers, doing what they do for the love of it and the people they are helping. And because they are small organizations they can respond quickly. They work well with donors such as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. After Dessie we flew to Addis Ababa.

The wages of war

By talking with relief workers in Addis Ababa we came to understand what groups like the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Lutheran World Relief are up against. Feeding refugees in the camps is complicated, but assisting marginally fed people on their own turf even more so. One needs to be careful not to upset their own small-farmers' trading economy. By donating too much grain their own market will be weakened. Neither can one force a Western style of thinking and living on people.

The best way to help is through the refugee camps, orphanages and the special projects like the dams, erosion control and tree planting, and the work-for-food concept.

From here we went on to

Nairobi, Kenya.

Some hard questions

A "tour" such as ours forces us to address several questions. What is our Christian responsibility when we live in a country with surplus food and technology? What is the best avenue to share our wealth with the poor and hungry? What can we do to help such people help themselves on a long-term basis?

These are neither new nor simple questions. It is very difficult for us people with our Western culture to step into the shoes of Third World peoples — and vice versa.

I admit I have a hard time understanding the African farmers we saw, mucking around on a few acres, producing very little. But how about our system? In the spring we pray, "Lord, bless us with an abundant crop," and in the fall we say, "But, Lord, we can't market our abundant crop."

Yes, we are responsible to and for fellow human beings. And I believe the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and volunteer organizations are doing excellent work of mercy to the needy of the world. I urge those of you reading this to get involved. Offer some of your grain; or yourself.

Please help us urge the government not to cut back its matching four-to-one grants. The best avenue to help people help themselves is not by merely giving food but by showing people we care about them, and proving that through projects like those we saw in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

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Environment

Huge rodents taking over their unnatural habitat

Louisiana's bayous infested with nutrias

Marian Van Til

NEW ORLEANS, La. — "The rats are eating Louisiana!" No, that's not a line from a B-grade horror film. It's pretty much true, at least in the swamps around New Orleans, and it proves again the dire consequences which result when creatures which God created for one particular place and ecosystem are released or forced into an alien habitat where they have no natural enemies.

The "rats" in question are the world's second-largest rodents, but look more like beavers. They are 15-pound critters called nutrias; and they have prodigious reproductive talents and huge appetites.

In the 1930s a few nutrias were brought over from South America by tabasco sauce magnate E.A. McIlhenny. He kept them caged on his estate where they multiplied profusely.

Then a hurricane hit and the creatures escaped into the swamps. Relentless trapping was soon killing millions of nutrias for their fur — still leaving other millions in the wild near National Historical Park and Preserve south of New Orleans.

Newsweek reports that as the fur industry has all but died ("only" 100,000 were killed last year) the nutrias have become a greater and greater problem. They are chomping their way through the interwoven plant life of Louisiana's unique 'floatant' marsh, in many cases leaving only open water behind.

"That has put the Park Service in the awkward position of having to exterminate wildlife," says *Newsweek's* Peter Annin. Sharp shooters have been trained to go into the swamps and pick off the rodents. Some environmental groups object, believing that the nutrias should be controlled by natural predators such as alligators. A Park Service spokesperson has this response: "We could be up to the rump in alligators and still not be able to control all the nutrias."



Nutrias are South American rodents which are wreaking havoc in Louisiana's bayous.

Report shows substantial growth of Western Canada's 'green industries'

CALGARY (Canadian Scene) — the governments of Canada, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have released a report on Western Canada's "green industries." The report presents the results of a year-long study of Western Canada environmental companies and organizations conducted by Sentar Consultants Limited of Calgary.

The study was initiated in January 1992 as a collaborative effort among the five participating governments. Its primary purpose was to identify the existing capabilities, strengths and expertise within the region's environmental industries and to recommend approaches for greater co-operation in promoting the

continued growth of this sector.

Following are a few of the findings from the study. The environmental industries — consisting of a diverse range of companies providing pollution abatement and prevention services and equipment — now constitute one of the fastest growing sectors of the Western Canadian economy. An estimated 2,000 environmental businesses in Western Canada generate annual revenues of between \$1.4 billion and \$1.8 billion and employ almost 20,000 workers. Areas of expertise include recycling and waste management; hazardous and special waste treatment; environmental effects monitoring (waste, air and land) and geographical information systems.

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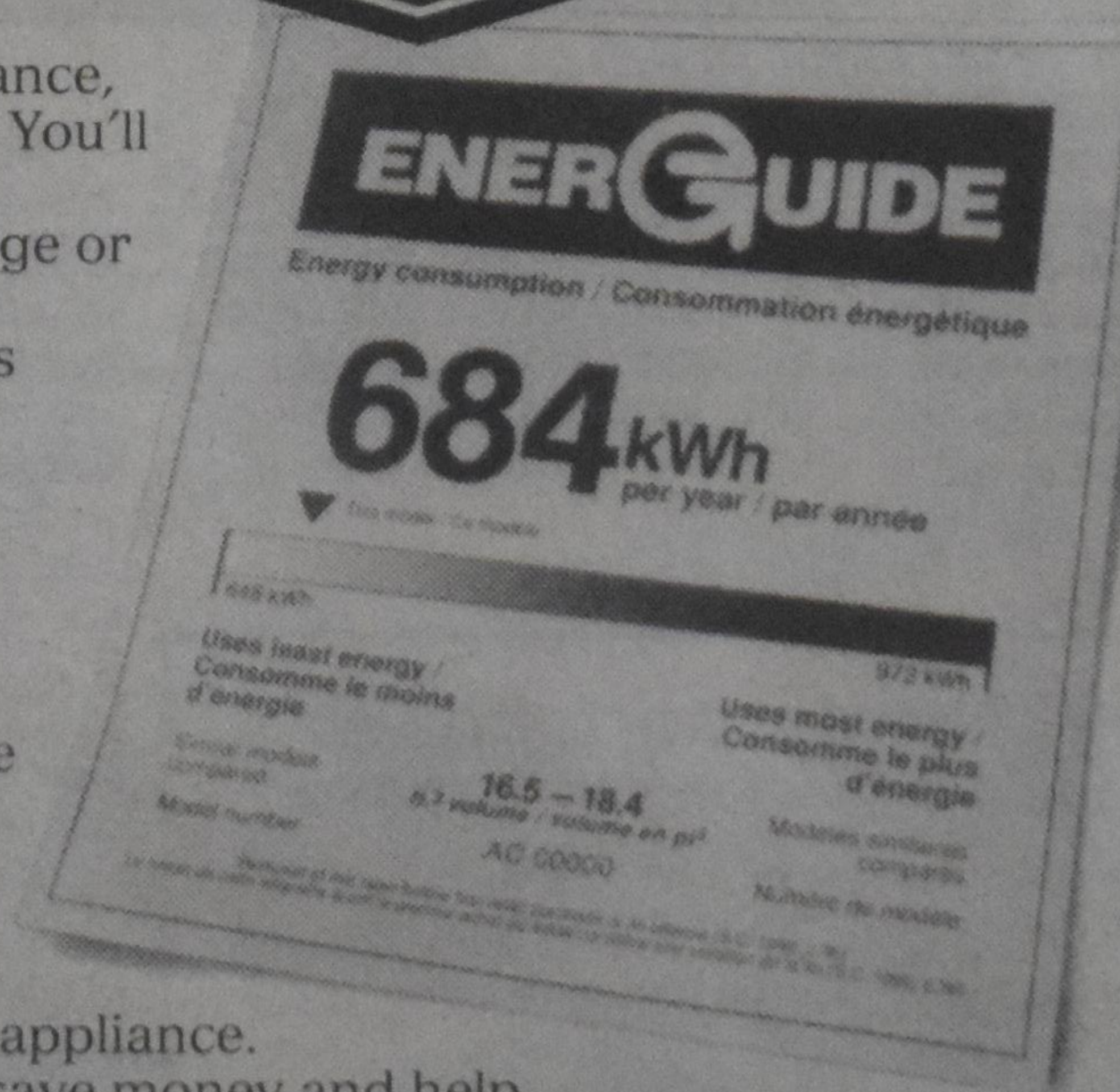
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Children see scientists up close

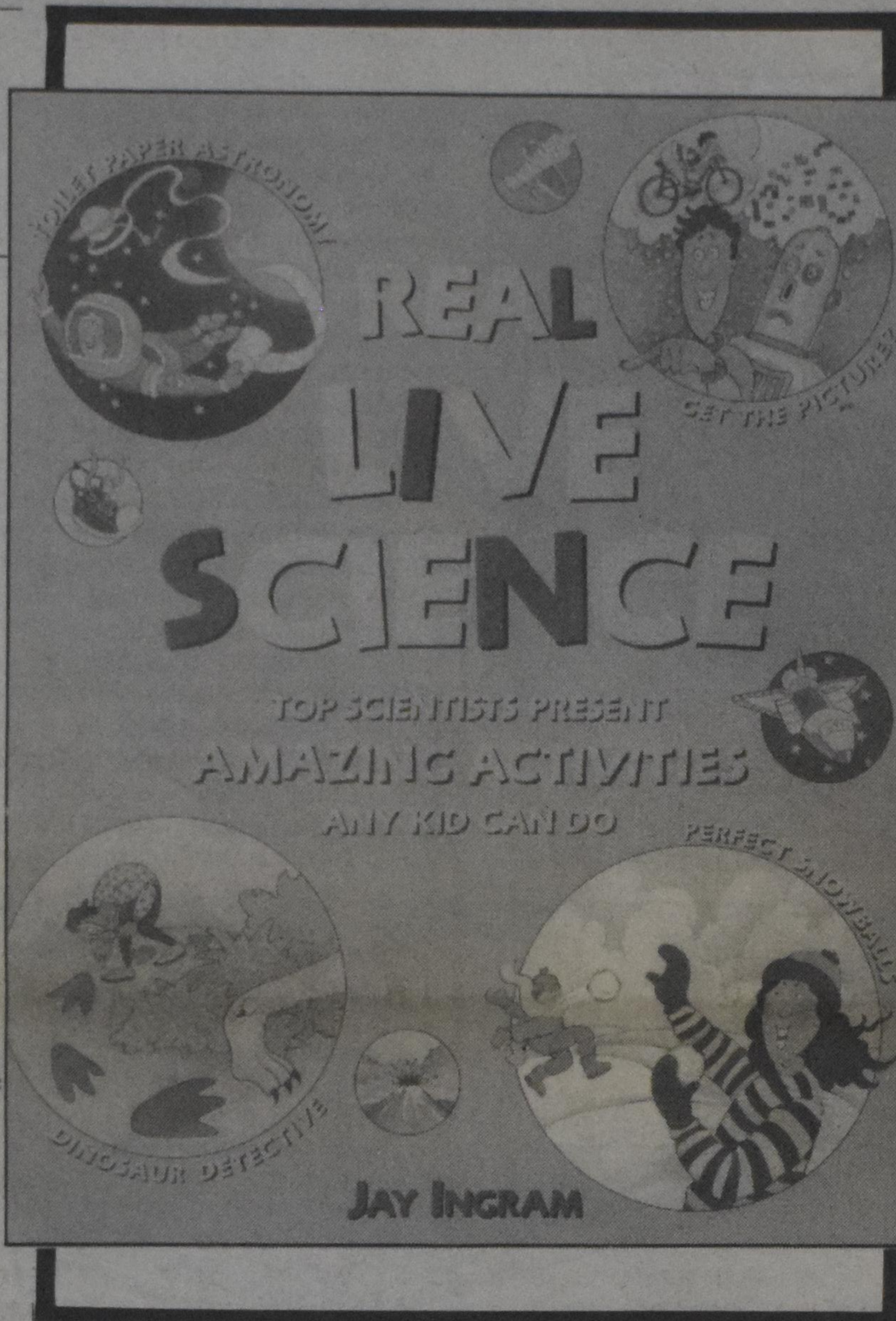
Real Live Science, by Jay Ingram; illustrated by Tina Holdcroft. Toronto: Greey de Pencier Books, 1992. Softcover, 48 pp., \$9.95. Reviewed by Doro J. Bakker, Orangeville, Ont.

Real Live Science introduces children to the work of 21 top-notch, contemporary, Canadian scientists. Gone is the stereotype of the unapproachable, white jacketed (male) scientist cloistered in his mysterious lab; working on matters concerning no one in particular. Instead, each scientist presents an amazing activity related to his or her actual line of work.

Meet Roberta Bondar, Canada's first woman in space. Already at eight years old she was intrigued by space and flying. Even long before she knew how to drive a car she knew the basics of flying a plane. Bondar invites the reader to "Take a Space Trip at Home" and discover how the inner ear helps us balance and how it becomes confused in the weightlessness of space.

In "Toilet Paper Astronomy," astrophysicist Dr. James Hesser presents mindboggling information about the vast distances in space, and about his specialty, globular star clusters. To help us understand the immense distance in space he shows how a lowly roll of toilet paper can help us imagine them.

It was Jay Ingram's experiment in his introduction to the book that got me out of my chair to try one myself even



before I wrote this review. Along with a couple of children, and toting my camera flash, I headed to a dark closet to experience first-hand the after-image mystery discovered in 1894 by Shelford Bidwell.

With little fanfare, Ingram introduces his readers to science as he sees it, the business of looking for answers to questions. *Real Live Science* is successful in that it demystifies science. It shows the reader that scientists grapple with questions that all of us ask. A child gets the feel of what it's like to be a scientist as he or she delves into experiments just like a real-live scientist does. There's nothing stuffy about this book. Ingram succeeds in sharing the wonders of science.

Each double-page spread is devoted to the work of one scientist and each contains an outstanding science activity. Tina Holdcroft's colourful art work adds a light touch to each activity. I appreciated the inclusion of a photograph of each scientist at work. A short biography of each concludes the book. This is a highly recommended, hands-on book for children aged 9 and up.



**Friends
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Bone rot

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones" (Prov. 14: 30).

Remember the story of a couple of years ago? Two girls in California, friends ..., both well liked, talented and ambitious, both at centre stage in their high school's social activities.

They came out to cheerleading tryouts together in their last year. It was a friendly rivalry. But one was selected and the other didn't make it. And that night a beast came lurking out of the darkness. He bit the heart of the loser; she felt the poison charge through her system. Her eyes grew dark and blazing, her hand found a gun and her legs stalked their prey.

And in the morning, the winner was a loser, the loser was a devil, and the community choked in pain.

I remember hearing that story for the first time on the radio. I could hear in the announcer's voice that he was shocked. I and everyone I talked with was shocked. A lot of news stories are about people far away, or social figures who loom high above us. But here was the girl next door. We chatted with her on the bus, sat next to her at the ballgame. She wasn't a strange and cruel stock character in some seedy, B-rated movie. She was our daughter, our sister, ourself.

Confrontation

But the shock was more than just disbelief. It was like a revelation. Here was someone who actually did what most of us have felt now and again: raging envy, insane jealousy. Remember how the cartoonist put it, years ago? He drew a little circle above someone's head and an arrow pointing to her skull, and then he wrote the truth of the matter: "Urge to kill!"

The story is so real because the beast lurks in every human heart. Has it ever struck you that one of the first news stories in the Bible is this story played out in its first version? Cain and Abel were brothers.

They romped together in the dirt as kids. They built their forts, they carved their initials in the trunks of trees, they swam in the river and they ran races against the animals and against each other. They were brothers, rivals and friends.

They even worshipped together. Adam and Eve showed them the way. They build their altars, they arrange their prayers, they strike up the song of the fire, they send their praise and thanks to God.

Cancer

Then comes the startling word from heaven: Abel makes the cheerleading team, but Cain is cut from the roster.

How did Cain know the judgment against him? Maybe, like they used to picture in our Bible Story books, the smoke from Abel's sacrifice zoomed straight up, caught in the wind-tunnel of grace. Maybe the flames under Cain's offering sputtered and sizzled, and the smoke clouded around like a back-yard barbecue. Maybe Cain kept records for the next six months and his fields soured while Abel's flocks soared.

I don't know how he knew. But he knew, like every one who's ever been passed by knows: somebody else wins and I'm the loser. Said historian Gore Vidal, "Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little."

The rottenness sets in.
(more next week)

Wayne Brouwer is a pastor at First Christian Reformed Church in London, Ont.

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Books

Kids learn to value reading from parents' example

TORONTO (Toronto Star) — Paul Kropp says that the best way for schools to get children to read is to get their parents to read. Kropp, a Toronto teacher who has written a number of books for young adults, was recently interviewed by Philip Marchand of the *Toronto Star*.

"We have known for 40 years that school is not the most important place to learn to read," says Kropp. "Study after study has shown that the most important factors are:

number one, books in the home; and number two, the attitude of the parents towards reading — basically modelling behaviour. Do the parents themselves read?"

He notes that tremendous amounts of money have been spent in recent decades on reducing class sizes and on special education. Meanwhile, standards of literacy in the schools have actually declined. To Kropp's mind, these results indicate the failure of these approaches. A better approach



would be to reach out directly to parents.

"It's astonishing what could be accomplished if schools would stop being fortresses and start thinking of themselves as community centres, for community outreach," he says.

Kropp has recently published a book, *The Reading Solution: Making Your Child a Reader for Life*, which recommends, among other things, that parents buy their children one book per month. "And the children have to be part of the

choosing of these books," he stresses.

Kropp also recommends that parents control their children's television watching. "Statistics really do indicate that a child who watches over three hours of television a day is at risk — in terms of reading, school work, self-esteem and attitude," he says. "The key is for parents to establish times when there is no television. During these times, reading can happen."

Look for children's literature page

The Paas family from Burlington, Ont., (Steve, Joanne, Marcia and Melinda) is going to provide us with a monthly page on children's literature starting with the April 2 issue. The page, called "More for the swallows," will appeal to the general readership but will also involve teachers, students and parents who have an interest in children's books.

The Paas family is uniquely qualified for this task. Joanne Paas has taught for 18 years and is still teaching Grade 1 at Trinity Christian School in Burlington. She has studied the "emerging literacy" philosophy. Marcia is in her second year at McMaster University in Hamilton where she is majoring in comparative literature. Melinda is completing her final year of high school. She has recently received the M.M. Robinson Comic Book Convention Writing Award and works part-time in the Burlington Public Library. Steve has taught for 20 years in Christian schools and is now teaching Grade 8 at a senior public school in Mississauga. He has always been interested in children's literature.

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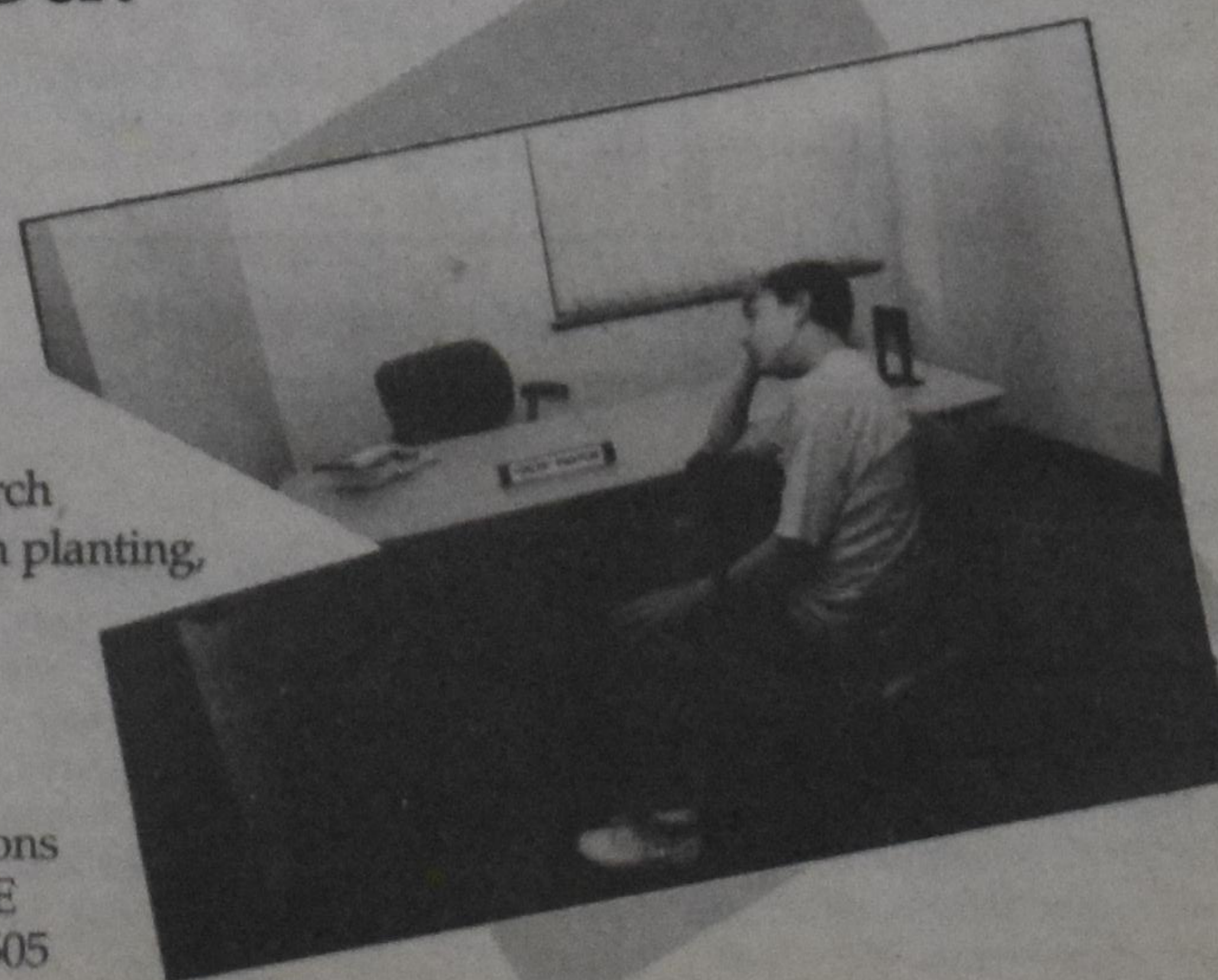
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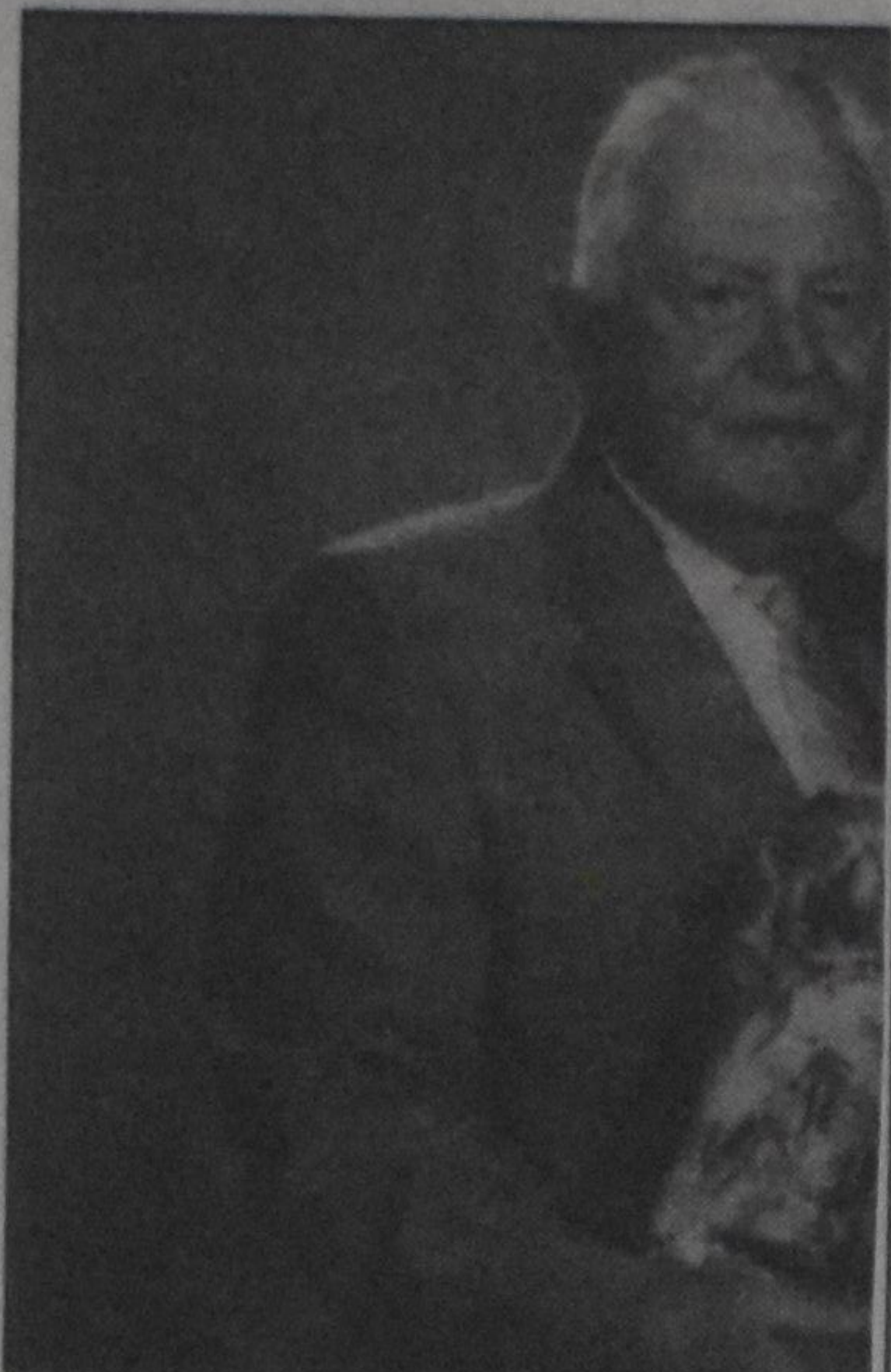
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Children: Rhea & Ed DeJong Marie, Trevor, Kevin, David Jerry & Teresa DeLange Richard, Tanya, Kyle, Curtis Albert & Irene De Lange Angela, Ryan, Sherri, Karina Geraldine & Brian Barthel Rebecca, Sarah Margaret & Dave VanderWal Carrie, Darren, Nicholas, Jolene Richard & Patsy DeLange Rachel, Adrian, Erik Home address: 695 McKenzie Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N2</p> </div> <div> <p>Lutjegast Canfield 1938 April 8 1993</p> <p>"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Ps. 106: 1). With thankful hearts we celebrate with our parents and grandparents, JERRY and MARY DRENTH (nee VANDERHEIDE) their 55th wedding anniversary. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness to them, and pray for His continued grace in their lives. God bless you, Dad and Mom, Grandpa and Grandma! 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We thank God for his faithfulness and love. We praise him for your love to each other and for us. May God continue to bless you and hold you in his care. Ben & Ingrid Meurs — Guelph, Ont. Paulette, Amber, Jonathan Diane & Everet Scheeringa — Listowel, Ont. Bill, Betty-Ann Johanna & Hank Bouwmeester — Niagara Falls, Ont. Michelle, Duane, Doug, Melissa Jane & Bill Humphries — Kitchener, Ont. Stephanie, Kimberley Brenda & John Needham — Kitchener, Ont. Justin, Anita, Malora An open house in their honour will be held on April 10, 1993, from 1-4 p.m. in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Ottawa St., Kitchener, Ont. Best wishes only please. Home address: 279 Kinzie Ave., Kitchener, ON N2A 2X4</p> </div> <div> <div> </div> <p>1952 April 2 1992</p> <p>BERT and JO OOSTERHOF (nee OVERWEG) With great thankfulness to our heavenly Father, who has kept our dear parents in His gracious care, we wish to announce their 40th anniversary. We rejoice with them and join them in giving thanks to God for His goodness. Love from their children: Leo & Grace — Athens Len, Chad, David Henry & Evelina — North Augusta Karen, Lorraine, Steven, Emily Alex & Julie — North Augusta Kerri, Michelle, Jodi, Eric Gary & Corrina — Kingston Courtney Diane & John — Ottawa Jeffrey Annette & Rob — the Neth. Stephanie Paul & Wilma — Williamsburg Brandon Open house will be held on April 3, 1993, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., at the Athens Chr. School basement. Best wishes only, please. Home address: R.R. #4, North Augusta, ON K0G 1R0</p> </div>
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 <p><i>Congratulations to Peter and Nellie Voogt (nee Van Soest) on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary!</i></p>	<p>"Because He lives, we can face tomorrow."</p> <p>On March 9, 1993, the Lord in His sovereign wisdom called home to be with Him our dearly beloved wife, mother and grandmother,</p> <p>JEAN DINA KATERBERG (nee VISSCHER)</p> <p>at the age of 52 years.</p> <p>"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Ps. 116: 15). Dearly beloved wife of Henry Katerberg.</p> <p>Dear Mother and Grandmother of: William Katerberg — Kingston Janine & Don Koopman — St. Catharines</p> <p>Katie Irene Katerberg — St. Catharines Predeceased by a son Wesley Katerberg in 1968.</p> <p>Funeral services were held in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, St. Catharines, Ont., Revs. J. Vos and J. Zantingh officiating.</p> <p>Correspondence address: 104 Sherman Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 2L5</p>	 <p>PACIFIC CHRISTIAN</p> <p>Applications are invited for the secondary grades for the 1993/1994 school year.</p> <p>POSSIBLE OPENINGS in the 1993/94 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior High Science • Chemistry • Home Economics <p>PCS is an interdenominational quality education for 670 (K-12)</p> <p>1933 - 1993</p> <p>Wedding text: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath, His everlasting arms" (Deut. 33: 27). On Monday, Feb. 22, 1993, the Lord called home,</p> <p>GEORGE (GEERT) SIKMA</p> <p>at the age of 59.</p> <p>Beloved husband of Ann Sikma (nee Pietens).</p> <p>Dear father of: Diane & John Arends — Strathroy Carl & Julia Sikma — Listowel Grace & Steve (fiance) Irene & Terry (fiance)</p> <p>Dear grandfather of William, Jethro, Seth, Melissa and Chantelle.</p> <p>Surviving are four sisters: Margareth (Bradford), Corrie (Strathroy), Irene (B.C.), Frances (the Neth.).</p> <p>The funeral took place at the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, Listowel, Ont., Rev. Walt De Ruiter from Hanover leading the service.</p> <p>Home address: Alice St., Box 149, Fordwich, ON N0G 1V0</p>	<p>Abbotsford, B.C.: Abbotsford Chr. School</p> <p>Join a dynamic, rapidly expanding, interdenominational Christian School System of over 1,200 students K-12 that operates from three separate campuses.</p> <p>Applications are invited from teachers certifiable in B.C. for the following new positions for September 1993.</p> <p>Send applications, resume and references to appropriate campus principal.</p> <p>CLAYBURN HILLS CAMPUS (K-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten - Grade 1 - Grade 4 - 1/2 time music - 1/2 time Grade 5/6 <p>Henry Contant, Principal Abbotsford Chr. School Clayburn Hills Campus, Box 280 Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8 (604) 850-2694 Fax 850-7075</p> <p>HERITAGE CAMPUS (K-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten - Grade 3 - Grade 5/6 <p>Lloyd Den Boer, Principal Abbotsford Chr. School Heritage Campus Box 175 Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8 (604) 850-5022 Fax 859-9995</p> <p>SECONDARY CAMPUS (8-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - math (senior) - science (chemistry) - Bible (8-12) - humanities (8-12) <p>Dwight Moodie, Principal Abbotsford Chr. Secondary Box 157 Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8 (604) 850-5342 Fax 859-2240</p>
<p>Naaldwijk St. Catharines 1933 April 6 1993</p> <p>"Wentel uwen weg op den Heere, en vertrouw op Hem; Hij zal het maken" (Ps. 37: 5).</p> <p>It is with praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, that we announce the 60th wedding anniversary of our dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,</p> <p>PETER and NELLIE VOOGT (nee VAN SOEST)</p> <p>Corrie & Hank Stam — Essex, Ont. Harry & JoAnn Voogt — Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. Pete & Frances Voogt — Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. Nellie & Waine McQuinn — Nepean, Ont. John & MaryAnn Voogt — Niagara-on-the-Lake</p> <p>Home address: Sunset Homes, 2 White St., Apt. 101, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1Z2</p>	<p>Aalten Tavistock 1953 April 9 1993</p> <p>"You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory" (Ps. 73: 24).</p> <p>Joyfully we celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,</p> <p>HENK and WILMA WESTERVELT (nee HOUWERS)</p> <p>We thank the Lord for all the years he has blessed them with, and pray that God will continue to bless them for many more.</p> <p>Lots of love, Mom and Dad, Oma and Opa.</p> <p>Ian & Joyce Buchanan — Ralleg, N.C. Andrea, Mark Bernie & Janette Westervelt — Kitchener, Ont. Melissa Dave & Sandy Inman — Woodstock, Ont. Kelly Dave & Veronica Klingenberg — Woodstock, Ont. Stephen, Brian, Darrell</p> <p>Open house will be held on Saturday, April 17, 1993, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Kitchener, Ont.</p> <p>Best wishes only.</p> <p>Home address: 24 Queen St., Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0</p>	<p>Mumerwoude, Fr. Brampton, Ont. Sept. 2, 1902 - Feb. 15, 1993</p> <p>"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1: 21).</p> <p>The Lord took home our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,</p> <p>DIRKJE LOOYENGA-KOOISTRA</p> <p>at Faith Manor Nursing Home, Holland Chr. Homes in Brampton, Ont. Predeceased by her husband, Aan Looyenga, Jan. 19, 1971.</p> <p>Lovingly remembered by her children: Dorothy & Jake Kuiken — Rockwood, Ont. Simon Boonstra — Willowdale, Ont. John & Ali Looyenga — Acton, Ont. Ann Looyenga — Acton, Ont.</p> <p>She was predeceased by her son, Bert, in 1989; her daughter, Susan, in 1992; and a granddaughter, Denise, in 1986.</p> <p>Also remembered by 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.</p> <p>Correspondence address: John Looyenga, R.R. #4, Acton, ON L7J 2M</p>	<p>Aylmer, Ont.: Immanuel Chr. School will have a definite opening for a teaching-principal for September 1993.</p> <p>Interested candidates forward applications to:</p> <p>John Krienselokker R.R. #1 Brownsville, ON N0L 1C0 Phone: (519) 877-2519</p>
<p>Events</p> <p>NEDERLANDSE PAAS ZANGDIENST</p> <p>Wij nodigen U uit voor onze Nederlandse Paas Zangdienst op</p> <p>Zondag, 11 April, 1993 7:30 n.m.</p> <p>in de</p> <p>EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH 170 Clarke Street, North Woodstock, Ont.</p> <p>Na de dienst is er gelegenheid om vrienden te ontmoeten onder het gebruik van koffie en thee.</p>	<p>Job Opportunities</p> <p>Wanted full-time help on dairy farm. Phone: (416) 342-3131</p> 	<p>On Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993, the Lord took unto Himself our dear brother-in-law and uncle,</p> <p>JOHN WINTERS</p> <p>at the age of 78 years.</p> <p>Beloved husband of Alice Winters-Hansman.</p> <p>May our Lord comfort Alice, her children and their families as they mourn the loss of their loved one.</p> <p>"I, even I, am He that comforts you" (Is. 51: 12a).</p> <p>Lovingly remembered by: H. van Loenen-Hansman & R. van Loenen — Leusden, the Neth. J. Veldstra-Hansman & A. Veldstra — Fruitland, Ont. A. Kortjes-Hansman & W.J. Kortjes — Leusden, the Neth. J. Hansman & J. Hansman-Tempelman — Ommen, the Neth. G. Mac Donald-Hansman — Bowmanville, Ont.</p> <p>Nephews and nieces.</p> <p>Correspondence address: Alice Winters, R.R. #2, Alliston, ON L9R 1V2</p>	<p>Aylmer, Ont.: Immanuel Chr. School will have possible openings in primary, junior and intermediate divisions. Strengths in French and music preferred. Applicants should send resume to:</p> <p>Andy Vanderploeg, Principal Immanuel Chr. School 75 Caverly Rd. Aylmer, ON N5H 2P6 Phone: (519) 773-8476</p>

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<p>Agassiz, B.C.: Agassiz Chr. School is seeking to fill one full-time position and one part-time position. The full-time position can be a combination of two of the following areas: Kindergarten, learning assistance, Grade 6/7 part days. We also have a possible Grade 4/5 opening. Please send your resume and state your preference for the areas you wish to teach. A person with a major or minor in science or French would be beneficial to our school. We are also in need of a Grade 1 teacher to cover a maternity leave for Sept.-Dec. 1993. Please direct inquiries and/or information to:</p> <p>Colleen Gingerich, Principal Agassiz Chr. School P.O. Box 3230 Agassiz, BC V0M 1A0 Phone: (604) 796-9310</p>	 <p>committed to provide high quality Christian education, please forward your resume to:</p>	<p>Maple Ridge, B.C.: Haney-Pitt Meadows Chr. School is accepting applications for an intermediate position beginning in the 1993/94 school year. A background in music is preferred. Send enquiries to:</p> <p>Ted Vroon, Principal Haney-Pitt Meadows Chr. School 12140-203 Street Maple Ridge, BC V2X 4V5</p>	<p>Penticton, B.C.: The Penticton Community Chr. School Society has an opening for the position of principal for the 1993/94 year. This interdenominational school serves 80 students, Kindergarten to Grade 7. Individuals who are interested in becoming a part of the vision for this young school may send resumes and references to:</p> <p>P.C.C.S.S. c/o Leanne Fairholm 1498 Government Street Penticton, BC V2A 4W1 Phone: (604) 493-5233 (school) (604) 493-9294 (home) Fax: (604) 492-5281</p>	<p>Smithers, B.C.: Bulkley Valley Chr. School (K-12, 300+ students on two campuses) has possible openings for Sept. 1993, in the following areas: primary; social studies 8-12; English 8-12; band/choir/music 4-12; and French 4-12. Please address enquiries/resumes to:</p> <p>Mr. Evert Vroon, Principal B. V. Chr. School P.O. Box 3635 Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 Phone: (604) 847-4238 Fax: (604) 847-3564</p>
<p>Burnaby, B.C.: John Knox Chr. School has openings for the position of a Grade 5/music teacher and also an opening for a Grade 1/2 position for the 1993/94 school year. Interested applicants send resume to:</p> <p>S. VanderWoud, Vice-Principal 8260 13th Ave. Burnaby, BC V3N 2G5 Phone: (604) 522-1410</p>		<p>Neerlandia, Alta.: Neerlandia School, a Christian public school with 200 students, K-10, and 12 teachers invites applications for the following definite openings for 1993/94:</p> <p>1) Principal: 55 % teaching, 45% administrative duties 2) Grade 2 teacher</p> <p>Send applications, resumes or inquiries to:</p> <p>John Piers, Principal Box 10, Neerlandia, AB T0G 1R0 Phone: (403) 674-5581 (school), (403) 674-4308 (home)</p>	<p>Penticton, B.C.: Penticton Community Chr. School will have possible openings in the primary and intermediate grades. Please address inquiries/resumes to:</p> <p>Mr. Rick Esselink, Principal Penticton Community Chr. School 1498 Government St. Penticton, BC V2A 4W1 Phone: (604) 493-5233</p>	<p>Strathroy, Ont.: John Calvin Chr. School has a definite opening in the junior division, Grades 4,5 and 6, for the 1993/94 school year. All qualified and interested applicants should send their letters of introduction and resumes to:</p> <p>Henry D. Wiersema, Principal J.C.C.S. 48 York St. Strathroy, ON N7G 2E3 Phone: (519) 245-1934 Fax: (519) 245-1934</p>
<p>Calgary, Alta.: Calgary Chr. School (K-12, 520 students) in sunny Alberta, is looking for three teachers to join our staff for the 1993/94 school year. We have an opening in Grades 1 to 3, another in Grades 4 to 6, and a third one in instrumental music, Grades 1 to 12. If you are interested in being part of a vibrant team of teachers in an exciting school, please forward your resume to:</p> <p>Anita Veeneman c/o Calgary Christian Schools 2839-49th St. SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3X9 Fax: (403) 242-1182.</p>		<p>Orangeville, Ont.: Orangeville Chr. School invites applications for the position of teaching-principal for the 1993/94 school year. Ours is an interdenominational school serving the Orangeville and surrounding area. The school is located northwest of Toronto in the beautiful Caledon Hills. We seek an individual to lead a dedicated staff with the support of a committed community. The ideal candidate will be able to represent the school in the broader Christian community. The ability to teach elementary school band would be an asset. We also invite applications from qualified teachers for a possible opening in the junior or intermediate grades. Please direct resumes or inquiries to:</p> <p>Arend Bakker, Principal Orangeville Chr. School P.O. Box 176 Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z6 or call: (519) 941-3381</p>	<p>Port Perry, Ont.: The Scugog Chr. School, located on the scenic shores of Lake Scugog, just a short drive northeast of Toronto, is accepting applications for possible openings at the junior and intermediate levels. Our preferred candidates would have strength in music and/or French. We will also have a possible half-time Kindergarten position. The possession of an Early Childhood Education Certificate would be considered an asset. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please forward your resume to:</p> <p>John Lunshof, Principal Scugog Chr. School P.O. Box 3308 Prince Albert, ON L9L 1C3</p>	<p>Surrey, B.C.: Surrey Chr. School invites applications for the following full-time teaching position available for the 1993/94 school year: Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 6; ability to teach French at the intermediate level is an asset. We are also inviting applications for a full-time learning assistance teacher. Applicants must qualify for B.C. certification. Please send resumes to:</p> <p>Mr. Anthonie Jansen, Principal Surrey Chr. School 9115-160th Street Surrey, BC V4N 2X7</p>
<p>Calgary, Alta.: Calgary Chr. School (K-12, 520 students) in sunny Alberta, is looking for three teachers to join our staff for the 1993/94 school year. We have an opening in Grades 1 to 3, another in Grades 4 to 6, and a third one in instrumental music, Grades 1 to 12. If you are interested in being part of a vibrant team of teachers in an exciting school, please forward your resume to:</p> <p>Anita Veeneman c/o Calgary Christian Schools 2839-49th St. SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3X9 Fax: (403) 242-1182.</p>		<p>Orangeville, Ont.: Orangeville Chr. School invites applications for the position of teaching-principal for the 1993/94 school year. Ours is an interdenominational school serving the Orangeville and surrounding area. The school is located northwest of Toronto in the beautiful Caledon Hills. We seek an individual to lead a dedicated staff with the support of a committed community. The ideal candidate will be able to represent the school in the broader Christian community. The ability to teach elementary school band would be an asset. We also invite applications from qualified teachers for a possible opening in the junior or intermediate grades. Please direct resumes or inquiries to:</p> <p>Arend Bakker, Principal Orangeville Chr. School P.O. Box 176 Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z6 or call: (519) 941-3381</p>	<p>Prince George, B.C.: Cedars Chr. School has definite openings for the 1993/94 school year in the intermediate grades as well as a possible opening in the primary grades. Resumes and references should be directed to:</p> <p>Cedars Chr. School 701 North Nechako Road Prince George, BC V2K 1A2 Phone: (604) 564-0707 Fax: (604) 564-0729 Attention: Mr. John Reems.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>
<p>Cobourg, Ont.: Northumberland Chr. School has a possible opening for a primary teacher. We are a multi-denominational school in a terrific country setting. Please call:</p> <p>Henry Lise, Principal Phone: (416) 372-8766 or send resume to: R.R. #5 Cobourg, ON K9A 4J8</p>		<p>Ottawa, Ont.: Redeemer Chr. High School requires two teachers commencing September:</p> <p>1. English/drama — a one-year position 2. math, physics, English</p> <p>Applicants must be able to integrate their Christian worldview with their subject matter. Join an active, responsive team.</p> <p>Apply to:</p> <p>Derek Maggs, Principal 2199 Regency Terrace Ottawa, ON K2C 1H2 Phone: (613) 721-8233 Fax: (613) 721-7142</p>	<p>Sarnia, Ont.: Lambton Chr. High School invites applications for a possible French position for the 1993/94 school year. Please send your letter of application and resume to:</p> <p>W. Drost, Principal Lambton Chr. High School 295 Essex St. Sarnia, ON N7T 4S3 Phone: (519) 337-9122</p>	<p>Kerkdiensten op cassette in de Nederlandse taal</p> <p>U kunt zich nu abonneren op deze prekdienst, b.v.:</p> <p>a) één cassette iedere week; b) twee cassettes maandelijks; c) één cassette maandelijks.</p> <p>Prijs \$3.00 per cassette (\$1.50 extra als u de cassette wilt houden)</p> <p>Voor inlichtingen schrijf naar:</p> <p>Jack & Lenie Brouwer 27 Alpaca Drive Scarborough, ON M1J 2Z8 of bel (416) 289-0706</p>
<p>Wyoming, Ont.: John Knox Chr. School will require a full-time teacher for the primary or junior grades and a half-time teacher for the primary grades. Send resumes or inquiries to:</p> <p>William Hordyk, Principal Box 81, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0 or call (519) 845-3112</p>		<p>Lacombe, Alta.: Lacombe Chr. School, approx. 340 students in K-9, located in Central Alberta, invites applications from qualified teachers for a definite elementary learning assistance (resource room) position, as well as for a possible junior high math-science-computer studies position, and an upper elementary-junior high French position. Applicants must qualify for Alberta teacher certification. Please send resume and letter of application to:</p> <p>Wernart van Deventer Lacombe Chr. School P.O. Box 1749 Lacombe, AB T0C 1S0 Phone: (403) 782-6531 Fax: (403) 782-5760</p>	<p>CHIN FM 101</p>	<p>Luister naar het programma ZINGEND GELOVEN</p> <p>Elke Zaterdag, 8 uur 's morgens</p>

Classifieds/Events

Job Opportunities

DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

Hamilton District Christian High School has recently moved into a new campus. The enrolment has grown to 375, and we have capacity for 500 students. Join an energetic professional staff within a strong supportive community.

Campus is located 1 mile east of Redeemer College on Hwy. 53 at the westerly limit of the City of Hamilton.

The challenge is great and the capital debt needs full-time attention. Funds need to be raised to reduce the debt outside of the regular operating budget. If you're up to the challenge and this full-time position attracts you, please send your letter of inquiry and resumé, before May 15 to:



Peter VanDyk, Secretary

HAMILTON DISTRICT
CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL

92 Glancaster Road, R.R. #1
Ancaster, Ontario L9G 3K9

Job Opportunities →



Calendar

Apr. 3 GST (Goods/Services/Talents) auction, 5 p.m., Hamilton District Chr. High School, **Ancaster**, Ont. Light supper will be served!

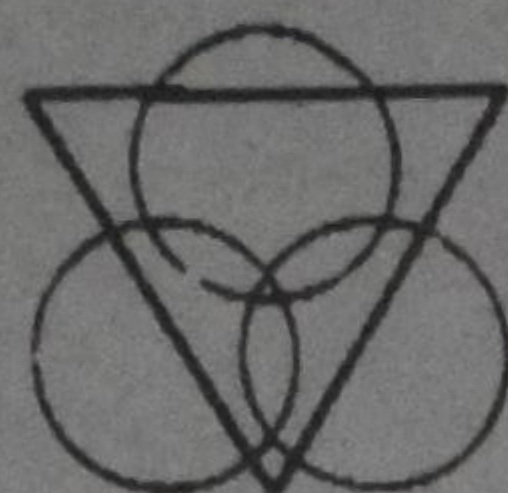
Apr. 4 "Sundays at Three" Lenten concert, 3 p.m., Central Presb. Church, 165 Charlton Ave. W., **Hamilton**, Ont. Organist Bruce Cross plays works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Clerambault and Benoit.

Apr. 7 Spring concert by OCMA's choirs and band (dir. Leendert Kooy), with organist Andre Knevel, 8 p.m., Willowdale United Church, **Willowdale**, Ont. Tickets: (416) 636-9779.

Apr. 9 Lenten concert, 8 p.m., Central Presb. Church, 165 Charlton Ave. W., **Hamilton**, Ont. Paul Grimwood directs works by John Rutter, Felix Mendelssohn and others.

Apr. 9 The "Listowel Concert Singers" and symphony orchestra present Handel's "Messiah." At 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Church, **Listowel**, Ont. For info, call (519) 291-3106 or 291-4356.

Teachers

Centennial Christian School
Terrace, B.C.

is seeking applications for a

PRINCIPAL

starting the 1993/94 school year

Centennial is a school of 250 students K-10 and is located in scenic Northwest B.C. in a community of 20,000. Plans are underway to add Grades 11 and 12 potentially in the 1995/96 school year. Therefore, persons with strengths in secondary development would be an asset. We have a dedicated staff of 16 and a supportive Christian School community.

Contact Joe VanderKwaak, Search Committee at the school.

TEACHERS

Applications for positions in primary, intermediate, and secondary grades as well as band/music are also being accepted. Due to increasing enrolment and changes, openings are anticipated in the following areas: Kindergarten, Grade 6, Grade 7, and Secondary (8-10) science area.

Contact:

Frank Voogd, Principal
Centennial Christian School
3608 Sparks Street
Terrace, BC V8G 2A5

Phone: (604) 635-6173, Fax: (604) 635-9385

ADMINISTRATOR

Haney-Pitt Meadows Chr. School, Maple Ridge, B.C., is seeking a full-time administrator for the 1993/94 school year. HPMCS is an interdenominational school in the Reformed tradition and is situated 40 miles east of Vancouver. Presently we serve K-7 with approx. 250 students, and are planning to add Grade 8 in the near future.

Send resume and information to:

Al deJong
20915-132 Ave.
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 7E7

Teachers

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES
AT

PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Applications are invited for the math and French positions in the secondary grades for the 1993/94 school year.

POSSIBLE OPENINGS in the Secondary Grades for the 1993/94 school year.

- Junior High Science
- Chemistry
- Home Economics
- Social Studies
- Counselling
- Computers

PCS is an interdenominational Christian school providing quality education for 670 (K-12) students in the greater **Victoria, B.C.**, area. Send applications and resumes to:

Mr. John Messelink, Secondary Principal
654 Agnes Street, Victoria, BC
V8Z 2E6

Phone: (604) 479-4532 Fax: (604) 479-3511

Taber, Alta.: Taber Chr. School has a definite opening for a **primary teacher** for the 1993/94 school year. Interested, qualified applicants are invited to apply. Please send your letter of application and resume to:

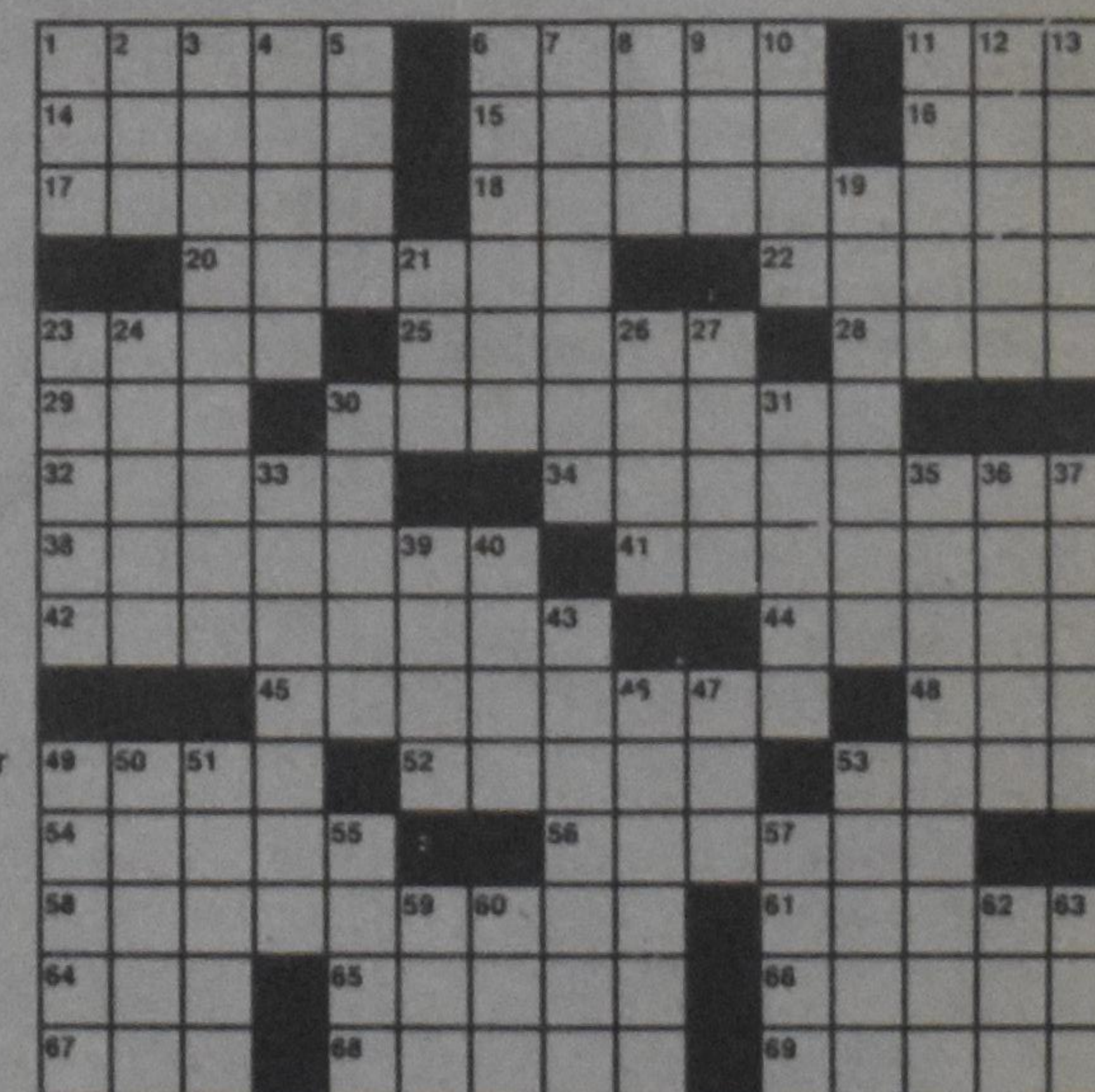
Henry Ronda, Principal
Taber Chr. School
Box 2256, Taber, AB T0K 2G0
Phone: (403) 223-4550

If you're searching for the solution to the last puzzle we published, forget it. We threw it in the wastebasket by accident. It's a long story, but if you want to know how well you did, multiply the number 20 by eight, subtract 10, divide by three and multiply by two. That's your mark. Congratulations!

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

by William Canine

ACROSS
1 Wharves
6 Nina's companion
11 "Cheers" bartender
14 Pointless
15 Andeans
16 Endeavor
17 Turmoil
18 Wrinkles
20 Wig
22 The Pentateuch
23 Hindemith
25 Forest debris
28 Windy City lawman
29 Farming: abbr.
30 Resounded over and over
32 Wash cycle
34 Equestrians
38 Customers
41 Apathetic
42 Bucks up
44 Essential oil
45 Gathering
48 Explosive letters
49 Way of speaking
52 Lachrymose
53 Not so great
54 Come in
56 German songs
58 Menage
61 Advantage
64 Miller or Blyth
65 Recipient
66 Lombardi of football
67 Carpet
68 Scents
69 Put a period to
DOWN
1 Obscure



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2 Undivided
3 Caesar's wife
4 Genuflect
5 Observer
6 Predicament
7 Attainable
8 Sgt., e.g.
9 Marble
10 Prof's rank: abbr.
11 Cubic meter
12 Expanses
13 Legends
19 Most dear
21 Employ
23 Shriveled
24 Lissome
26 Emporium
27 Round dance
30 Rips
31 Elia work
33 Shawls
35 French statesman
36 Linda or Maurice
37 Mild expletive
39 Examine
40 Snicker—
43 One to two
46 Bluebeard's victims
47 Certain solution
49 Hungarian composer
50 Turkish patriot
51 Hurt
53 "Compulsion" author
55 Renovate
57 Winfield
59 Scuttle
60 Beatle widow
62 Diamonds
63 Took charge

News

Hindu militancy in India not considered a religious upsurge

Paraphrased from *The Economist* by Bert Witvoet

The rise of Hindu militancy in India and the increase in riots, especially in Bombay, is not so much aimed at Muslims as it is aimed at secular Hindus who have been in power since 1947, explains an article in the Feb. 6 issue of *The Economist*.

Muslims may be the object of attacks, but the real purpose is to enflame and unite the Hindu population behind a nationalist dream.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which proclaims Hindu nationalism, is trying to unseat the ruling Indian National Congress, which has been in power since the independence of the country. The Congress, which has had such illustrious leaders as Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, has always defended the principles of democracy and secularism enshrined in the country's constitution.

Party seeks unity

The BJP is not a fundamen-

talist party that wants to hand the reigns of power over to Hindu religious men. It sees Hinduism more as a cultural way of life that is threatened by Muslim and Christian cultural patterns, says the article. Instead of wanting to convert Muslims or Christians to Hinduism (Hinduism is a non-proselytizing religion with no formal religious hierarchy) the BJP wants Muslims and Christians to embrace Hindu culture.

The party's aims are to bring greater unity to a country that is plagued by Sikh militancy in the Punjab and Muslim militancy in Kashmir. It does not believe that the tolerant attitude of the Congress party can keep the country together.

Fears of mammoth cleansing

"Unlike the militant mullahs of Islam, militant Hindus pose no threat to the world at large. Their target is the enemy within, secular Hindus and Indian Muslims," says *The Economist*.



Vishnu, one of the two main gods of Hinduism.

CHRISTELIJKE ENCYCLOPEDIË

Many observers are afraid that India may turn into another Bosnia, except that the violence will be on a much larger scale. Since the separation of India and Pakistan, the majority of Muslims live in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Only 11 percent of India's population today is Muslim. But that still constitutes 100 million people.

Militancy a symptom

One reason why the BJP is gaining in popularity, though it still cannot count on a majority

of voters, is that the Indian National Congress government has become extremely corrupt. "No influential criminal need have much fear of arrest," says *The Economist*. Large areas in cities are falling under criminal control. The decay of national ideals and goals has encouraged the growth of regional, ethnic and religious goals.

Hindu militancy is a symptom of the state's dangerous sickness," says the article. It is not the sickness itself.

Hinduism seen as society, not as faith

From *The Economist*

What is a Hindu? The answer is surprisingly complex. Thousands of years ago, Aryans from Central Asia migrated to the Indian subcontinent, conquering the local tribes. The holy books of the Aryans, the Vedas, were a mixture of philosophy, prayers and stories about their many gods.

As the Aryans mingled with the original inhabitants, many local beliefs and further gods joined the Vedic ones. This loose conglomerate of deities and beliefs came to be called Hinduism. The word originally referred merely to people living around the Indus river. It has always described a society rather than a faith, let alone a church.

No Hindu needs to go to a temple or read the Vedas. Hindu philosophy is complex and elastic enough to include even schools of atheism. From it sprang the related, but quite distinct, religions of Buddhism and, later, Sikhism.

CRWRC responds to Armenian need



CRWRC

Peter Zwart of CRWRC delivers aid for Armenia.

BURLINGTON, Ont. (CRWRC) — The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee recently donated 50 boxes of clothing and blankets, many of them lovingly handmade by women's groups across the country, to the "Winter Rescue for Armenia" campaign. Director Ray Elgersma reports that the CRWRC will also donate \$5,000 for use in purchasing additional clothing and medical supplies in Armenia; with the favourable exchange rate, the buying power of this money may reach \$40,000. When CRWRC announced the donations, it explained that it had been alerted to the need by a February 26 article on Armenia in *Christian Courier*.

News Digest

Edited by Bill Fledderus

Canada 'cruellest' to ethnic groups, says UN report

GENEVA, Switz. (Southam) — Canada is one of the harshest places in the industrialized West for those in poverty — particularly if they are members of aboriginal ethnic groups or unwelcome minorities, a United Nations report says. The study, to be published May 25, is being prepared by economic analyst Mahbub ul Haq, who last year compiled the controversial "human development index" that identified Canada as the world's most free, most congenial nation. Some suggest the new report would avenge Haq after the personal embarrassment he suffered when last year's rating was used for highly partisan political purposes during the constitutional referendum campaign and also for ads promoting Canada's 125th anniversary celebrations.

Schwarzenegger's face on shuttle?

TORONTO (Toronto Star) — Several weeks ago, Columbia Pictures announced that the next U.S. space mission will advertise Hollywood muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger in huge letters on its main rocket and his next movie, *The Last Action Hero*, on the booster. With obvious distaste, NASA officials recently confirmed the announcement. Columbia will reportedly be charged about \$500,000 for the ad, although it may be spending as much as \$30 million more to draw attention to the launch and the movie.

Florida okays breast feeding

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida has become the first U.S. state to guarantee the right to breast-feed in public. "It's not a shameful act that ought to be hidden behind closed doors," Gov. Lawton Chiles said. "It's a time of bonding. Breast feeding ought to be encouraged."